



California faces historic power outage due to fire danger

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Two years to the day after some of the deadliest wildfires tore through Northern California wine country, a utility announced Tuesday it will shut off power to more than 800,000 customers in the largest preventive outage in state history — to try to prevent wildfires caused by faulty power lines. With windy, dry weather in the forecast and warnings of extreme fire danger, Pacific Gas & Electric utility said it will start turning off power to 34 counties in northern and central California after midnight Wednesday.



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The Southern California Edison utility website said more than 106,000 of its customers in parts of eight counties could face power cuts.

It may take "several days to fully restore power after the weather passes and safety inspections are completed," said Michael Lewis, senior vice president of PG&E's electric operations, in statement.

The number of customers and counties affected includes an area of wine country north of San Francisco where several fires two years ago killed 22 people and destroyed thousands of homes.

San Francisco is the only county in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area where power will not be affected.

"We're ready to go," said Jaina French, spokeswoman

for the city of Napa. "We're encouraging our community to be as prepared as possible."

That outage will also affect portions of the agricultural Central Valley, the state's northern and central coasts and the Sierra Nevada foothills where a November wildfire blamed on PG&E transmission lines killed 85 people and devastated the town of Paradise.

Jennifer Siemens, who lost her home in Paradise, rents a house in the nearby town of Oroville and said she is bracing for a third blackout in a month.

Siemens was preparing by having her car gassed up, stocking up with bottled water and flashlights and making sure all of the family's electronic devices were fully charged.

"What's wrong with the power lines that they have



In this Dec. 3, 2018, file photo, a vehicle rests in front of a home leveled by the Camp Fire in Paradise, Calif.

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to do this so much?" asked Siemens. "We don't want any more fires, obviously, but I feel like they are going a little overboard."

In Butte County, where Paradise is located, people lined up at gas stations Tuesday morning to fill up their cars and portable containers with fuel for generators. They also rushed to stores to buy flashlights, ice chests and batteries.

PG&E said it planned to update customers by text message and email to Tuesday where and when the power would be cut off. Its website, where people could check whether their addresses would be affected, was down Tuesday afternoon after being overloaded with visitors. In Southern California, the largest numbers of potentially affected customers were in Los Angeles County and to the east in San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

Winds can knock down live wires and power poles or drive trees and other vegetation into contact with them — and some of California's most destructive blazes in recent years were started by PG&E power lines. But the poten-

tial planned outages will not be limited to fire-prone areas because the utilities must turn off entire distribution and transmission lines to much wider areas to minimize the risk of wildfires. Public agencies throughout the region were urging people to prepare by buying water and non-perishable food, getting a full tank of gas, having cash at hand and parking vehicles outside garages or making sure they know how to manually open their garage doors.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention said it increased staffing in preparation for extreme fire weather and what was expected to be the strongest wind event so far this fire season.

"With some of the most destructive and deadliest fires occurring October through December, we need Californians to not be complacent," said Cal Fire Chief Thom Porter in a news release. "Residents need to be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice in the event of a wildfire."

In the San Francisco Bay Area, Sonoma County Sheriff's Sgt. Juan Valencia said his office was ready to

notify residents of outages through emergency alerts and social media as soon as it received word.

"We don't know what the extent of the public safety and power shut-off is going to be, so we're just going to have to adapt," he said Tuesday. Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf asked residents Tuesday not to clog 911 lines with non-emergencies and urged people to be prepared. In 1991, a grass fire torched the Oakland Hills, killing 25 people and destroying more than 3,000 homes. The city canceled all officers' days off in preparation for the outages. "We all know the devastation that fires can cause," she said.

At the Dollar General store in Paradise, people were buying candles, gas cans, ice, flashlights, batteries and canned food and the store ran out of ice chests Tuesday morning, said manager Ben Humphries. Humphries, who moved to Oroville with his family after losing his home in Paradise, said his family lost power two times already in the last month and he was making sure they had enough fuel for their generator and plenty of ice in coolers. □

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Couple get month sentence in college bribery scandal

BOSTON (AP) — A business executive and his wife, a former journalist, were each sentenced to a month in prison Tuesday for paying \$125,000 to rig their daughter's college entrance exams in a scandal involv-

ing dozens of wealthy and sometimes famous parents. Gregory and Marcia Abbott, of New York and Colorado, were sentenced in Boston's federal court after pleading guilty to a single count of fraud and conspiracy. They follow five other parents who have been sentenced so far, with prison sentences ranging from 14 days to five months. The Abbotts paid \$50,000 to have a test proctor correct their daughter's ACT exam answers in 2018, along with \$75,000 to rig her SAT subject tests in math and literature, authorities said. They kept the scheme hidden from their daughter. Prosecutors had pushed for sentences of eight months

in prison and a \$40,000 fine for each parent. They said the couple planned to use the test scores to get their daughter into Duke University, where Marcia Abbott had received an English degree.

Meanwhile, the case's lead prosecutor said he plans to recommend longer prison sentences for "Full House" star Lori Loughlin and other parents contesting the charges against them. Massachusetts U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling said in a Sunday interview with Boston's WCVB-TV that the longer Loughlin fights the

charges, the longer her recommended sentence will be.

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In this May 22, 2019 file photo, Marcia, left, and Gregory Abbott leave federal court after they pleaded guilty to charges in a nationwide college admissions bribery scandal.

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In a Sept. 27 letter to the court, Gregory Abbott said that his actions were "wrong and stupid" and that he feels "genuine remorse."

"I share the same sensibilities as most people and, strange as it may sound, identify with the public outrage over my own actions," he wrote. "I accept full shame and responsibility."

Gregory Abbott, who lives in New York City, was chairman and CEO of International Dispensing Corp., a food packaging company, in New York until he took a leave of absence in March. Marcia Abbott, who lives in the couple's home in Aspen, is a former magazine editor and writer. A wed-



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Constitutional collision: WH vows no cooperation in probe

By **ZEKE MILLER** and **JILL COLVIN**

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House declared Tuesday it will not cooperate with what it termed the "illegitimate" impeachment probe by House Democrats, sharpening the constitutional clash between President Donald Trump and Congress.

Trump attorneys sent a letter to House leaders bluntly stating their refusal to participate in the quickly moving impeachment investigation.

"Given that your inquiry lacks any legitimate constitutional foundation, any pretense of fairness, or even the most elementary due process protections, the Executive Branch cannot be expected to participate in it," White House Counsel Pat Cipollone wrote.

The White House is currently objecting that the House did not formally vote to begin the impeachment inquiry into Trump. It also claims that Trump's due process rights are being violated and is attacking the conduct of House intelligence committee Chairman Adam Schiff.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has insisted the House is well within its rules to conduct oversight of the executive branch under the Constitution regardless of a formal impeachment inquiry vote.

Schiff, commenting before the White House letter was released, said, "For this impeachment inquiry we are determined to find answers."

The Constitution states the House has the sole power of impeachment, and that the Senate has the sole power to conduct impeachment trials. It specifies that a president can



President Donald Trump pauses before speaking during a ceremony to present the Presidential Medal of Freedom to former Attorney General Edwin Meese, in the Oval Office of the White House, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019, in Washington.

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be removed from office for "treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors," if supported by a two-thirds Senate vote. But it offers little guidance beyond that on proceedings. The White House letter marks the beginning of a new strategy to counter the impeachment threat to Trump: Stall. Obfuscate. Attack. Repeat. Trump aides have been honing their approach after two weeks of what allies have described as a listless and unfocused response to the impeachment probe.

Earlier Tuesday, Trump intensified his fight with Congress by blocking Gordon Sondland, the U.S. European Union ambassador, from testifying behind closed doors about the president's dealings with Ukraine. Sondland's attorney, Rob-

ert Luskin, said his client was "profoundly disappointed" that he wouldn't be able to testify. And Schiff said Sondland's no-show was "yet additional strong evidence" of obstruction of Congress by Trump and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo that will only strengthen a possible impeachment case. The House followed up Tuesday afternoon with subpoenas for Sondland's testimony and records. As lawmakers seek to amass ammunition to be used in an impeachment trial, the White House increasingly believes all-out warfare is its best course of action.

"What they did to this country is unthinkable. It's lucky that I'm the president. A lot of people said very few people could handle it. I sort of thrive on it," Trump

said Monday at the White House. "You can't impeach a president for doing a great job. This is a scam." A whistleblower's complaint and text messages released by another envoy portray Sondland as a potentially important witness in allegations that the Republican president sought to dig up dirt on a Democratic rival in Ukraine and other countries in the name of foreign policy.

Pelosi said thwarting the witness testimony on Tuesday was an "abuse of power" in itself by the president. A senior administration official told reporters that no additional witnesses under its purview will be permitted to appear in front of Congress or comply with document requests, saying the policy under the current circumstances is that

the administration will have "a full halt" because "this is not a valid procedure" for an impeachment inquiry. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the administration's position.

The letter mounts a sweeping and aggressive attack on the House proceedings and signals a battle ahead over whether the president is receiving the legal protections he and his lawyers believe he deserves.

The White House is claiming that Trump's constitutional rights to cross-examine witnesses and review all evidence in impeachment proceedings extend even to House investigations, not just a potential Senate trial. It also is calling on Democrats to grant Republicans in the House subpoena power to seek evidence in the president's defense.

The White House letter came as a federal judge heard arguments Tuesday in a separate case on whether the House had undertaken a formal impeachment inquiry despite not having taken an official vote and whether the inquiry can be characterized, under the law, as a "judicial proceeding."

That distinction matters because while grand jury testimony is ordinarily secret, one exception authorizes a judge to disclose it in connection with a judicial proceeding. House Democrats are seeking grand jury testimony from special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation as they conduct their impeachment inquiry.

"The House under the Constitution sets its own rules, and the House has sole power over impeachment," Douglas Letter, a lawyer for the House Judiciary Committee, told the court. □

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GM talks hit snag as union seeks products for UAW factories

By TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Talks between General Motors and the United Auto Workers union hit a snag Tuesday over what the union says is a lack of commitment by GM to build new vehicles in U.S. factories.

In a letter to members, union Vice President Terry Dittes wrote that the union has told GM that it doesn't see a commitment from the company to a workforce that has helped make it billions of dollars.

"We believe that the vehicles GM sells here should be built here," Dittes wrote. "There is no job security for us when GM vehicles are made in other countries for the purpose of selling them here in the U.S.A."

GM did not immediately respond to a request for comment Tuesday night. Although both sides were still at the bargaining table, the union demand could be a major sticking point because GM produces pickup trucks and several SUVs in Canada, Mexico, China, South Korea and other countries, and imports them to the U.S.

Dittes wrote that GM's alleged lack of commitment is one of the union's top priorities in talks to end the strike, but little progress has been made.

"Economic gains in this agreement will mean nothing without job security," Dittes wrote, adding that



General Motors' Flint Assembly Plant employees line the street with picket signs during the nationwide UAW strike against General Motors on Monday, Oct. 7, 2019, in Flint, Mich.

Associated Press

the union is fighting for a middle class way of life.

On Sunday, the union voiced concerns about GM increasing production in Mexico, where it now builds pickup trucks, small cars and two SUVs. GM leads all companies in automobiles produced in Mexico at just over 833,000 last year, according to LMC and the Center for Automotive Research, a think-tank based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Of GM vehicles sold in the U.S., 22% are produced in Mexico.

The strike by 49,000 workers, now in its 23rd day, began Sept. 16, and immediately shut down all of GM's U.S. factories. Later two facto-

ries in Canada and Mexico were forced to close due to a lack of parts.

The strike has cost the company production of 165,000 cars and trucks and has passed the point where the GM can make up lost volume, according to auto industry analysts.

That means losses are starting to mount for the company even though its dealers have enough inventory to get by for several more weeks.

Talks also were hung up on hourly wage increases versus lump-sum payments favored by the company, according to a person briefed on the talks. They're also haggling over pen-

sions, faster wage increases for workers hired after 2007, and guarantees of new products for U.S. factories, said the person, who didn't want to be identified because the talks are confidential.

Fifteen of GM's 18 North American assembly plants have been shut down by the strike, including everything in the U.S. and one plant each in Mexico and Canada, according to Bill Rinna, director of Americas Vehicle Forecasts for the LMC Automotive consulting firm.

"Once the strike ends, it may still take up to a week to get the parts pipeline going again. So we are

likely looking at a loss of well over 200,000 vehicles," Rinna wrote in a note distributed Tuesday.

Much of that production can't be made up, especially at factories that make popular pickup trucks and large SUVs that already were on three shifts per day before the strike, said Kristin Dzikczek, vice president of the Center for Automotive Research, an industry think tank.

The strike has cost GM about \$1.6 billion according to numbers from JP Morgan analyst Ryan Brinkman, who estimates that GM is losing \$82 million per day.

Strikers, meanwhile, are in their fourth week without earning a full paycheck from GM of around \$1,200 per week before deductions. Instead they have to live on \$250 per week in union strike pay.

The Anderson Economic Group, a consulting firm in East Lansing, Michigan, estimated that 75,000 workers for auto parts supply companies have either been laid off or had their wages reduced because GM factories no longer need the parts. The firm predicts that the impact will expand each day that GM's factories are silent.

The strike also has delayed production of the new mid-engine Chevrolet Corvette sports car, which was supposed to start in December, Rinna wrote. □

Lawsuits around U.S. seek to block Trump's public charge rule

By DEEPTI HAJELA

NEW YORK (AP) — The scene is playing out in courtrooms from coast to coast — federal judges being asked to block a new Trump administration policy scheduled to take effect next week that would deny legal permanent residency to many immigrants over the use of public benefits.

Almost a dozen lawsuits have been filed from New York to California with plaintiffs including states, counties, cities, service providers and immigrants to prevent the "public charge" rule from taking effect on Oct. 15. A judge in California held a hearing last week, while a judge in New York held one on Monday, and others are scheduled for this week, with the lawsuits asking for preliminary injunctions to keep the rule from being enforced while challenges to its legality are ongoing. Judges have indicated a willingness to issue rulings before the scheduled start date.

"I've litigated against federal and state agencies over the years and I've never seen anything like this," said Liz Schott of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, which has been tracking the progress of the various lawsuits. "It's a tremendously broad set of players reflecting the huge significance and impact of the rule."

The rule is an aggressive step by the Trump administration in its efforts to re-



In this Jan. 31, 2019, file photo, hundreds of people overflow onto the sidewalk in a line snaking around the block outside a U.S. immigration office with numerous courtrooms in San Francisco.

Associated Press

write the nation's immigration policies with its focus on effectively denying permanent resident status to many legal immigrants through how it defines a "public charge."

Currently, legal immigrants seeking to become permanent residents (a step before being eligible to become naturalized citizens) must prove they won't be burdens to the country, or public charges, which in practice has been understood to mean becoming primarily dependent on cash assistance, income maintenance or government support for long-term institutionalization.

The Trump administration's rule takes that further — considering past and cur-

rent use of a wide range of assistance like Medicaid, food stamps, and housing vouchers that aren't currently considered, taking into account factors like the immigrant's age, employment status and English-language ability to determine whether they could potentially become public burdens at any point in the future and denying them legal residency if officials decide the answer is yes.

Those changes have outraged immigrants and their advocates, who say there's already been a chilling effect from immigrants who are now scared to ask for help they're eligible to get, for themselves or their relatives including citizen chil-

dren, out of fear of what it could mean.

They've also said the rule changes are discriminatory and would have the effect of barring immigrants with lower incomes in favor of those with wealth. The government has said the rule changes would ensure that those gaining legal residency status are self-sufficient. The scheduled enactment next week of the rule comes as the Trump administration on Friday announced another rule, a proclamation effective Nov. 3 that bars immigrants from coming to the U.S. unless they will be covered by health insurance within 30 days of entering or have the financial wherewithal to pay for any medical costs.

In a packed Manhattan courtroom on Monday, U.S. District Judge George Daniels extensively questioned the government's lawyer, Ethan Davis of the Department of Justice, over the rationale behind the administration's changing of the rule and the adding of factors that would be considered in determining whether someone could become a public charge.

"You've got to give me some rational basis," he said.

Roughly 544,000 people apply for green cards annually. According to the government, 382,000 are in categories that would make them subject to the new review, according to the government.

Immigrants make up a small portion of those getting public benefits, since many are ineligible to get them because of their immigration status. And an Associated Press analysis of census data shows that non-citizen immigrants with low incomes have a lower rate of using Medicaid, food aid, cash assistance and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) than their native-born counterparts.

For Medicaid, non-citizen immigrants are only 6.5% of participants, while more than 87% are native-born. For food assistance, immigrants are 8.8% of recipients, with over 85% of participants being native-born. □

New York bomber convicted in shootout with New Jersey police

By DAVID PORTER

ELIZABETH, N.J. (AP) — An Islamic terrorist already serving a life prison term for a bombing in New York City was convicted Tuesday of multiple counts of attempted murder and assault stemming from a shootout with police three years ago.

Ahmad Khan Rahimi, a U.S. citizen who was born in Afghanistan but grew up in New Jersey, sat quietly during the reading of the verdicts Tuesday.

Among the spectators in the gallery was Angel Padilla, the Linden police officer who was the first to encounter Rahimi as he slept in a doorway in September 2016, two days after a bomb exploded in New York.

Padilla said he immediately recognized Rahimi from wanted pictures and was in the process of questioning him when Rahimi rose and shot him twice. Padilla's bulletproof vest is credited with saving his life.

Padilla, one of three Linden officers involved in the shooting who have since retired, recalled the next chaotic minutes.

"It felt like it lasted forever," he said. "But I would say it

lasted no more than two or three minutes. Here I am, I've just been shot in the vest, I'm trying to see if I'm wounded and at the same time I'm trying to keep an eye on him so he doesn't get away, and I'm trying to take cover."

Other officers joined the chase, captured on surveillance camera footage that was shown to jurors during the trial. Rahimi was shot and wounded before he was apprehended.

The jury convicted Rahimi on Tuesday of all 30 counts: attempted murder and multiple aggravated assault counts involving five officers, plus several weapons charges. In doing so, jurors rejected an argument by Rahimi's attorney that he acted in self-defense.

"Today's verdict is a testament to the incredible bravery of the officers of the Linden police department," Acting Union County Prosecutor Lyndsay Ruotolo said. "They went into the line of fire three years ago with their minds not on their personal safety, only on the safety of the public."

Rahimi was previously convicted in a separate trial of planting two bombs in New York City's Chelsea neigh-

borhood, one of which detonated with enough force to hurl a 100-pound trash bin more than 120 feet, shatter windows and leave metal scraps strewn on the street.

No one was killed, but 30 people suffered injuries, including cuts caused by flying metal and glass. A second bomb planted on the street failed to explode.

The bombing came just hours after a small pipe bomb detonated harmlessly along the route of a Marine Corps charity road race in Seaside Park, New Jersey.

Investigators identified him as a suspect through a mobile phone attached to



In this Dec. 20, 2016 file photo, Ahmad Khan Rahimi, the man accused of setting off bombs in New Jersey and New York's Chelsea neighborhood, sits in court in Elizabeth, N.J.

Associated Press

the Manhattan bomb that didn't detonate.

As authorities hunted for him, they discovered a backpack containing additional explosives near a New Jersey transit station in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Rahimi still faces a six-count federal criminal complaint in New Jersey charging

him with detonating the bomb at the charity road race and with placing the bomb-filled backpack near the train station.

Rahimi graduated from high school in New Jersey in 2007 and later attended community college, where he majored in criminal justice but didn't graduate. □

U.S. declares disaster as typhoon passes north of Saipan

SAIPAN, Northern Mariana Islands (AP) — President Donald Trump is declaring an emergency for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and ordering the U.S. government to help local authorities respond to a typhoon.

The Pacific Daily News reports the eye of Typhoon Hagibis passed over Anatahan Island, about 80 miles (130 miles) north of Saipan, early Tuesday.

The National Weather Service says a typhoon warning is in effect for

Saipan and Tinian islands. The agency cancelled a tropical storm warning for Guam, which is further to the south. The newspaper reports 140 residents on Guam used emergency shelters.

The president's declaration authorizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate disaster relief efforts.

The typhoon was 180 miles (290 kilometers) northwest of Saipan with maximum sustained winds of 160 mph (260 kph) midday Tuesday. □



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UK says chances of Brexit deal slim; EU chides 'blame game'

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LONDON (AP) — Britain and the European Union traded ill-tempered barbs Tuesday as the U.K. said a Brexit deal might be impossible, while insisting it was still working for one with just over three weeks until its scheduled departure from the bloc. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's office said EU intransigence had led to a breakdown in negotiations, prompting a top European leader to warn against playing a "stupid blame game" — and chide Johnson in Latin.

Johnson's office gave a gloomy assessment after his call with German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Tuesday morning. In a statement to British media, Downing Street said Merkel had told Johnson that "a deal is overwhelmingly unlikely" unless the U.K. agreed to let Northern Ireland continue to follow EU customs rules in order to maintain an open border with EU member Ireland. That is something the British government says it can't accept. Downing Street said that "if this represents a new established position, then it means a deal is essentially impossible not just now but ever." How people and goods will move across the Irish border is the main sticking point to a deal. The German government confirmed that Merkel and Johnson had spoken but declined to comment on the substance of "confidential conversations." European Commission



Anti-Brexit campaigner Steve Bray walks near Parliament in London, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019.

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spokeswoman Mina Andreva said "the EU position has not changed. We want a deal. We are working for a deal with the U.K." European Council President Donald Tusk tweeted testily that "what's at stake is not winning some stupid blame game." "At stake is the future of Europe and the UK as well as the security and interests of our people," he said, addressing Johnson. "You don't want a deal, you don't want an extension, you don't want to revoke, quo vadis?" — a Latin phrase meaning "where are you going?" Despite the grim mood music, British officials insisted they still hope to strike a deal before Britain's scheduled Oct. 31 departure date — although Johnson has also said the U.K. will leave even if one is not struck.

"We've moved — it is now time for the EU to move too," said Michael Gove, the minister in charge of Brexit preparations. "If it does, then there is still every chance we can leave with a new deal." Downing Street said Johnson spoke by phone to Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar on Tuesday afternoon, and "both sides strongly reiterated their desire to reach a Brexit deal." It said the two leaders hoped to meet in person later in the week. EU leaders have demanded more "realism" from Britain in response to a Brexit plan proposed by Johnson. The bloc says the proposals — which would require customs checks on some goods moving between Northern Ireland and Ireland — don't fulfill the U.K.'s commitment to a frictionless Irish border. An open border is key to

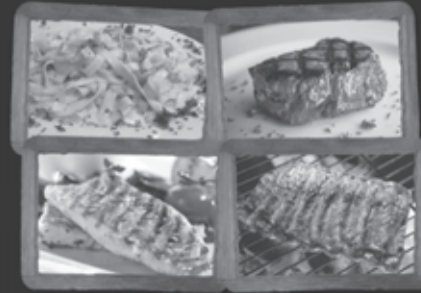
both the regional economy and the peace agreement that ended 30 years of conflict between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland is part of the U.K. but shares an island — and a land border — with the Republic of Ireland. "It's not just about trade, it's about so much more than that, and anybody who understands Ireland and the politics of this island understands that," said Irish Deputy Prime Minister Simon Coveney. French President Emmanuel Macron has said the EU will assess by Friday whether a deal is possible. Johnson's opponents in Britain accused the government of deliberately undermining the Brexit talks. "Boris Johnson will never take responsibility for his own failure to put forward a credible deal. His strate-

gy from day one has been for a no-deal Brexit," said Keir Starmer, Brexit spokesman for the main opposition Labour Party. On Tuesday, Britain published more details of its plans for leaving without a divorce deal. The government says those plans will minimize any resulting economic shock. Economists and business groups warn that no amount of preparation can eliminate the pain of new barriers with the EU, which accounts for almost half of U.K. trade. The government's "no-deal readiness report" shows significant British preparation but also acknowledges its limits. Britain says it will try to keep goods flowing by not immediately imposing border checks on imports from the EU. But the government acknowledges there will be new tariffs on 60% of British exports to the EU, including levies of more than 50% on beef and lamb. Many in the EU — and in Britain — are skeptical that Britain will leave the bloc on Oct. 31 because the U.K. Parliament has passed a law compelling the government to ask the EU for a delay to Brexit if no deal is agreed upon by Oct. 19. Johnson says he will obey the law but will not ask for a delay. It's not clear how those two statements can be reconciled — but it's clear Johnson wants to pin the blame for any delay on Parliament and the EU, so that he can campaign as a champion of Brexit in an election that's likely to be called soon. □

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Kosovo election winner in no rush to restart Serbia talks

By LLAZAR SEMINI

PRISTINA, Kosovo (AP) — A left-wing party leader poised to become Kosovo's next prime minister said Tuesday he isn't in any rush to restart formal talks intended to normalize relations with Serbia and won't lift the previous government's 100% tariff on Serb imports.

In a general election held Sunday, Albin Kurti's Movement for Self-determination, or Vetevendosje, defeated center-right political groupings formed by former Kosovo Liberation Army fighters who had governed since 2007.

Kosovo, a former Serbian province, declared independence in 2008, a decade after an insurrection by KLA fighters and Serbian strongman Slobodan Milosevic's bloody crackdown launched a 1998-99 war.

While most of the world

recognizes Kosovo's independence, Serbia still considers the country part of its territory. Five EU member nations, Russia and China back Serbia's position.

The European Union, which is facilitating talks between the two countries, has said neither will be allowed to join the EU without normalized relations.

But Kurti told The Associated Press in an interview the Pristina-Belgrade negotiations aren't at the top of his agenda.

"It cannot be top priority on day one of me as a new prime minister," he said.

Kurti said that a sticking point in getting the talks going again - the 100% tariff on Serb goods - would not go away under his government.

"Only after the principle of reciprocity has been put in place, we can lift the tariffs," he said, referring to



EU Election Observation Mission headed by Chief Observer Viola von Cramon-Taubadel, center, address media during a press conference in Kosovo capital Pristina on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019.

Associated Press

33 deals signed between Kosovo and Serbia since the 2011-started dialogue. Kurti's party has used tear gas and other methods to stop Parliament from working on deals with Serbia. Kurti said he is curious to meet U.S. President Donald Trump's new special envoy for Kosovo-Serbia negotia-

tions, U.S. Ambassador to Germany Richard Grenell, in Kosovo on Wednesday. Kurti served more than 2 ½ years jailed in Serbia for his pro-independence activities. He was released in 2001 following Western pressure on Belgrade. "It's very sad to see how Belgrade is not facing its own

past," said Kurti.

EU election observers said the election was "well-administered and transparent," although they criticized intimidation of ethnic Serbs by the main party representing the country's Serb minority.

Kurti's party did not garner enough votes to govern on its own and has asked the ex-opposition Democratic League of Kosovo to form a coalition.

The Belgrade-backed Serb List party won the 10 seats in Kosovo's 120-seat Parliament that are reserved for ethnic Serbs, the country's largest minority group. Another 10 seats are set aside for other minority groups.

Kurti illustrated his hard stance on Serbia when he was asked about a Serb representative serving as a minister in his government, which the Constitution requires. □

UN chief says UN facing worst cash crisis in nearly 10 years

By EDITH M. LEDERER

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned Tuesday that the United Nations is facing its "worst cash crisis" in nearly a decade because 64 of its 193 members have not paid their annual dues — including the United States, its largest contributor.

U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said the secretary-general has written to all members saying "the organization runs the risk of depleting its liquidity reserves by the end of the month

and defaulting on payments to staff and vendors." By the end of September, Dujarric said, member states had paid only 70% of the total assessment for the regular budget, compared with 78% at the same time last year.

According to the U.N., 129 countries had paid \$1.99 billion in dues for the U.N.'s 2019 operating budget by Tuesday. It said \$1.386 billion is owed for this year.

In addition to the United States, other countries that haven't paid their dues are Brazil, Iran, Israel, Mexico, South Korea, Saudi Arabia

and Uruguay.

Because of the U.S. government's budget calendar, Washington usually pays its dues in October.

According to the U.N., the U.S. owes \$674 million for the 2019 regular budget and \$381 million for previous regular budgets.

The U.S. is also in arrears in payments for the separate budget for the U.N.'s far-flung peacekeeping operations. It owes \$255 million for peacekeeping missions that have been closed and \$2 billion for active peacekeeping missions, according to the U.N. □



In this Sept. 25, 2019 file photo, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres speaks during a Security Council meeting at U.N. headquarters.

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Israel's Gideon Saar challenges lengthy Netanyahu Likud rule

By ARON HELLER

JERUSALEM (AP) — With a simple tweet, Gideon Saar did what no Israeli politician from the ruling conservative party has done in more than a decade — openly challenge its chief, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The brazen move against the long-serving Israeli leader has solidly positioned the 52-year-old Saar as the Likud party's leading candidate to replace Netanyahu, who is fighting for his survival amid a pending corruption indictment and post-election political paralysis.

A former aide and senior Cabinet minister under Netanyahu, Saar has long been considered a rising star in Likud and one of the lone independent voices in a party that has, in general, blindly followed its leader. But that has begun to change. Netanyahu failed in two elections this year to capture a parliamentary majority, and the possibility of a criminal indictment in the coming weeks has hindered his efforts to head a coalition government.



In this Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019 photo, Gideon Saar, attends the swearing-in of the new Israeli parliament in Jerusalem.

Seeking to solidify his status, the premier last week floated the prospect of a snap internal leadership primary in which he expected Likud to endorse him. But he quickly backed down after a two-word Twitter response from Saar: "I'm ready."

It was a risky maneuver in a party that fiercely val-

ues loyalty and has had only had four leaders in its 70-plus-year history. Saar followed it up with a more detailed tweet clarifying that he was not out to topple the prime minister, as Netanyahu has long claimed. Still, Saar left no doubt about his ultimate objective.

"No one is denying the prime

minister's role as chairman of the Likud," Saar wrote on Twitter. "When there is a race for leadership of the party — as the prime minister himself initiated a few days ago — I will run."

For Saar, it was a move long in the making. A former lawyer and journalist, he was first brought into politics 20 years ago by Netanyahu, who made him his Cabinet secretary during his first term in office.

Saar then established himself as a staunch nationalist who opposed Israel's 2005 withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and resisted the prospect of a Palestinian state. He quickly rose in the Likud ranks, twice finishing first in internal elections for its parliamentary list and enjoying successful stints as education minister and interior minister after Netanyahu returned to power in 2009. But as with others in Likud who saw their popularity rise, he too began to be perceived by Netanyahu as a threat. Their falling out was capped by Saar's active role in getting Netanyahu's nemesis Reuven Rivlin elected president, over the prime minister's objections.

With his advancement stunted, Saar abruptly quit politics in 2014 to spend more time with his new wife, Israeli TV anchor Geula Even, and their young

children.

He made his comeback this year, chosen by Likud members for a senior position on the party's list of candidates in parliamentary elections. While campaigning hard for Likud, Saar has been its only top official to occasionally flaunt Netanyahu — resisting calls to legislate immunity for the prime minister and attending a media conference Netanyahu had called to boycott.

"Gideon has no fear and he's straight as an arrow," said Shimshon Shoshani, Saar's former director general in the Education Ministry.

Though he didn't share Saar's right-wing ideology, Shoshani said they worked in tandem on bold education initiatives and he saw a public servant fit to lead the country.

"He's a man who has a vision, and he knows how to translate that vision into concrete plans," said Shoshani, an 82-year-old veteran of the Israeli bureaucracy.

Despite his hard-line positions, Saar enjoys good relations across the political spectrum and is perceived as a potentially more comfortable partner for a unity government with the rival Blue and White party, which emerged as the largest party in last month's election.

But neither it nor the Likud control a parliamentary majority. A coalition government between the two parties appears to be the best way out of the deadlock, but Blue and White's leader, former military chief Benny Gantz, refuses to sit with Netanyahu because of his expected indictment on corruption charges.

Saar's independent streak has drawn frequent fire from Netanyahu's lackeys, and Netanyahu himself last year accused Saar of orchestrating a "putsch" with Rivlin to unseat him.

Under Israeli law, if neither Netanyahu nor Gantz can form a coalition, a majority of lawmakers could theoretically choose an alternative as prime minister. □

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Thai activist arrested for comments about fall of monarchies

BANGKOK (AP) — Police in Thailand have arrested a political activist accused of threatening national security by posting a comment on Facebook about how royal families in other nations lost power.

The arrest Monday night of Karn Pongpraphapan came after an unprecedented amount of social media commentary last week that implicitly criticized Thailand's monarchy by complaining about congestion caused by police blocking traffic for the motorcades of royal family members.

Criticism of the monarchy is taboo, and sharing material deemed insulting to it is punishable by 3-15 years' imprisonment.

The blocking of traffic for royal vehicles has long been the subject of private

grumbling, but recent road congestion unleashed a torrent of tweets with the Thai language hashtag meaning #royalmotorcade, some veering into sharper comments. The hashtag was used hundreds of thousands of times. A statement issued Tuesday by the police Technology Crime Suppression Division referred to "inappropriate hashtags" that circulated last week on social networks and were allegedly created by an unscrupulous group of people. It accused the arrested suspect, who was not identified by name in the statement, of posting "inappropriate content" on his Facebook page "spreading hatred."

Thai media reported that Karn's Facebook post referred to the fall of monarchies in Russia, France and



In this Feb. 10, 2018, file photo, activist Karn Pongpraphapan addresses the audience during a protest near the democracy monument in Bangkok, Thailand.

Associated Press

Germany, but not Thailand. The police statement said the post received around 100 comments and 50 shares, causing "a number of people to be very upset." In reaction, Minister of Digital Economy and Society

Buddhipongse Punnakanta was said to have ordered the police technology division to investigate, leading to the arrest. Police charged Karn under Section 14 of the Computer Crime Act, "posting con-

tents that are a threat to national security," an offense punishable by up to five years in prison. He was released on bail Tuesday afternoon and ordered by the court not to post similar comments again.

Karn's lawyer, Winyat Chatmontree, told The Associated Press that his 25-year-old client was arrested for posting about foreign history on his Facebook page on Oct. 2, and took down the post after a few hours when it became controversial.

"I think the authorities want to make an example of him to send a message to others who express their minds freely on many issues," Winyat said. He said Karn had nothing to do with the motorcade hashtag.

An arrest was not surprising in view of the attention the hashtag attracted. □

Hong Kong leader says economy taking a hit from protests

By JOHNSON LAI

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong's economy is taking a beating from months of increasingly violent protests, the city's embattled leader Carrie Lam said Tuesday. Lam, addressing reporters after a long weekend of more turmoil, said tourism arrivals were down by half and that hotels and retailers were suffering.

Hong Kong's third quarter economic data will definitely be "very bad", Lam said.

Lam said she did not have the data with her. But empty streets and tourist attractions are evidence of the fallout from the massive protests that began over proposed legislation that

could have led to Hong Kong residents facing trial in mainland Chinese courts. Lam eventually dropped the legislation.

Initially, the protests caused little damage and were confined to an area near Hong Kong government offices. But they've since spread to many parts of the former British colony, which enjoys freedoms guaranteed to the semi-autonomous region of about 7 million people when Beijing took control in 1997.

The demonstrations have become increasingly violent, with protesters targeting shops and banks.

The city's airport has been periodically besieged by protesters, and some train

and subway lines and shopping malls have suffered significant disruptions from the demonstrations.

So far, Hong Kong's stock exchange has kept steady. The benchmark Hang Seng index gained 0.5% on Tuesday. Prices have been supported by ample demand since shares listed in Hong Kong are perceived as being relatively cheap, says veteran investment manager Francis Lun.

The city's monetary regulators say Hong Kong has ample reserves to weather bouts of hard times.

But tourism and retailing are languishing, and some investors are shifting money out of the city, Lun says. Analysts say the political



In this June 17, 2019, file photo, a man walks alone on normally busy road near the Legislative Council after protesters continue to protest against the extradition bill in Hong Kong.

Associated Press

turmoil and the risk of intervention by Beijing could undermine Hong Kong's status as a world financial hub.

"Unless it stops soon...it's really Hong Kong's survival at stake," he told The Associated Press. □

Ex-Colombia president questioned on witness tampering

By **CHRISTINE ARMARIO**

CÉSAR GARCÍA

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— Colombia's powerful former President Alvaro Uribe appeared before the country's Supreme Court Tuesday for questioning in a case involving alleged witness tampering that could potentially cast a dark shadow over the leader's legacy. A magistrate was expected to ask Uribe behind closed doors about accusations that, through a lawyer, he tried to influence and even bribe members of a paramilitary group who had damaging information against him.

The case stems from allegations raised by Sen. Ivan Cepeda, who claims he has first-hand witness accounts that Uribe was a founding leader of a paramilitary group in his home province during the decades-long civil conflict involving government, leftist rebels and right-wing bands.

The ex-chief of state has denied all accusations of ties to the paramilitaries, who are accused of drug trafficking, killing innocents and driving thousands from their homes or lands while fighting rebels.

The case has divided the South American nation and set off demonstrations both in favor of and against the ex-president. Political analysts are also watching it as an important test for



Senator and former president Alvaro Uribe arrives to the Supreme Court for questioning in an investigation for witness tampering charges in Bogota, Colombia, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019.

Associated Press

Colombia's justice system, which throughout its history has struggled to hold prominent political and military leaders accountable.

"It's crucial that Colombia's justice system handles this with professional, dispassionate rigor so that it doesn't devolve into a circus," said Adam Isacson, a Colombia expert with the Washington Office on Latin American think tank.

Perhaps no political leader in Colombia's recent history has wielded as much influence as Uribe, who still boasts legions of followers. He successfully led the campaign to reject a referendum approving

Colombia's peace process with leftist rebels in 2016. Last year, his support lifted a little-known senator, Ivan Duque, to the presidency. But allegations of ties to drug cartels and paramilitaries have dogged Uribe since the early 1980s, when the civil aviation agency he led was accused of giving air licenses to drug traffickers. Declassified State Department cables from a decade later show U.S. officials were told the up-and-coming politician had ties to cartels.

Uribe has persistently denied those charges and was an unwavering U.S. ally in the war on drugs during

his 2002-2010 presidency. He extradited a record number of suspected drug traffickers to the U.S. and aggressively expanded a U.S. program to aerially spray wide swaths of illegal coca crops with chemical herbicide.

"I never thought my defense of honor and love for Colombia, with respect for citizens and in accordance with the Constitution, would create legal problems for me," Uribe said Monday. His court appearance stems from allegations Cepeda made in 2014 during a debate in Congress over Uribe's alleged paramilitary ties. Cepeda

claimed he had accounts from two ex-combatants confirming the association. Uribe in turn accused Cepeda of slander, but the Supreme Court later dismissed the case, instead opening an investigation into the ex-president.

The case hinges largely on statements by former paramilitary fighter Juan Guillermo Monsalve, who claims Uribe helped form a branch of the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia, an umbrella paramilitary group known by its Spanish acronym, AUC.

Monsalve alleges that a lawyer for Uribe, Diego Cadena, pressured him to retract his statement. A second ex-paramilitary has also alleged that Cadena also paid him to testify in favor of the former president. The Supreme Court will have to weigh whether there is sufficient evidence tying Uribe to actions Cadena may have conducted as his attorney to justify charges against the ex-chief of state.

The magistrates will also have to weigh the credibility of witnesses with checkered pasts who have at times changed their stories. Many Colombians are either devout Uribe loyalists who praise his iron-fisted approach to defeating leftist rebels while president or skeptics who have long wanted to see the former leader in court. □

Brazilian president says oil spills appear to be criminal



Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro gives a thumbs up during his arrival to the inauguration ceremony of the Brazil's new attorney general Augusto Aras, in Brasilia, Brazil, Oct. 2, 2019.

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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro said on Tuesday the oil spills that have been contaminating the northeastern coast since the beginning of September appeared to involve crimes. "It seems that something was dumped criminally," Bolsonaro said in Brasilia after meeting with Environment Minister Ricardo Salles.

But Bolsonaro declined to say who authorities suspect to be behind the leak. On Monday, the president said one country was on their

radar. Local authorities began investigating the oil spills on Sept. 2, when the oil sludge started to land on Brazilian shores.

The spills have now reached 61 municipalities in nine states, contaminating more than 130 beaches, the Environment Ministry said in a statement Monday.

Roberto Castello Branco, president of state oil company Petrobras, called the spills a "very worrying disaster" on Tuesday.

"It is a very strange phenomenon, there are no

signs that it is receding," Castello Branco told members of the lower house of Congress' mining and energy commission.

The company had helped retrieve over 130 tons of oil as of Monday night.

Petrobras analyzed several samples of spilled oil and determined it was not produced or commercialized by the company but said it came from a single source. In the state of Sergipe, authorities declared a state of emergency and recommend people not use beaches that were contaminated. □

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Restaurant Sunset Grille presents: A Marriage of Fab Food & Wow Wine

PALM BEACH — Sunset Grille restaurant at the Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino offers a great deal for a 4-course wine pairing dinner that combines culinary delight from Executive Chef Matt Boland and the newly recruited Executive Sous-Chef Katia Soujol with wines from Kendall-Jackson. Wine pairings are a thing! It is a fun way to connect wine, food and company and ensures that you're going to have a genuinely unique experience.

The setting of Sunset Grille is a great start and promises a wonderful night. There is the choice between dining on the romantic terrace with breathtaking views of the garden with water falls and the by palm trees harnessed beach on the horizon or you choose for the elegant indoor restaurant. The dynamic and modern steak house has this great 4-course menu for you where you get warmed up with a delicious scallop on a bed of risotto combined with a Vintner's Reserve Chardonnay. The combination is mouth-watering and promises a successful continuation to the next level where you are surprised with a single cut lamb chop and Vintner's Reserve Merlot. The grilled churrasco with chimichurri sauce that follows is simply fantastic and goes perfect with the Vintner's Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon. The chef closes this culinary trip with a sweet surprise of three dessert samples and a Quady Electra Moscato. Kendall-Jackson Vineyard Estates is from Santa Rosa, California in the Sonoma Valley wine country. As of 2010 Kendall-Jackson was the highest-selling brand of "super-premium" wine in the United States. The menu and wines are balanced so well that you do not feel too full but very satisfied as well as tickled by the tastings. You are invited to enjoy the experience!

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Two couples honored as loyal visitors of Aruba

PALM BEACH — Recently, Kimberley Richardson of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor Aruba's loyal and friendly visitors as Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba. The Goodwill Ambassador certificate is presented to guests who visit Aruba 20 years and more consecutively.

The honorees were couple Charles and Megan Music from USA, together with couple Osvaldo Rosito and Lidia Celina Paggi de Rosito from Argentina. It is very great to see that Aruba's loyal visitors come

from all over the world. This wonderful group stated that they love the island very much, especially for its safety, its year-round sunny weather, nice sandy beaches, and Aruba's warm and friendly people.

Richardson together with the representatives of the Divi Aruba Phoenix presented the certificates to the honorees, handed over some presents and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home-away-from-home. □





Exploring the Mainstreet of San Nicolas

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Flow of history

if you are looking for history San Nicolas has it. Here you will find three amazing museums, The Museum of Industry, the Community Museum and the Carnival Euphoria, all within walking distance from one another.

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Nicolaas Store built in 1940 and renovated in 2014 is the home of the Community Museum. The collection is remarkable and spans millennia. Ancient fossils stand next to tableaus of an authentically recreated colonial kitchen and bedroom and 19th-century barbershop, just to name a few of the items of old-time Aruba that has been preserved. A collection of artifacts and other objects of artistic, cul-

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The new San Nicolas

In the shadow of the refinery, an art capital is quietly beginning to grow. This is the new San Nicolas, a place that is starting to become a magnet for all that is young, cool and hip in Aruba. Indeed, San Nicolas has all of the ingredients of an emerging cultural hub — varied history, interesting architecture, and, perhaps most importantly, an urban layout that makes it walkable. As you walk around, the streets are silent but the walls are loud, filled with bright, colorful murals painted by a collection of artists from around the world. Thanks to the efforts of various art organizations in Aruba, such as Art Rules Aruba and Aruba Art Fair, San Nicolas has had quite the aesthetic makeover with regards to vibrant street art. Each year more and more stunning murals are replacing broken down buildings with colorful art pieces that keep brightening up Sunrise City.

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EAGLE BEACH — Recently, Kimberley Richardson of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor one of Aruba's loyal and friendly visitors as a Distinguished Visitor of Aruba. The symbolic Distinguished Visitor certificate is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba 10 years and more consecutively.

The honoree was **Reneé Trotman from New York, USA.**

Reneé stated that Aruba is and will always be her second home. She fell in love the first time she came to the island in 1985. She also stated that she loves Aruba very much, especially for its year-round sunny weather, nice sandy beaches and picturesque sunsets, delicious variety of foods, its rich culture, and Aruba's warm and friendly people.

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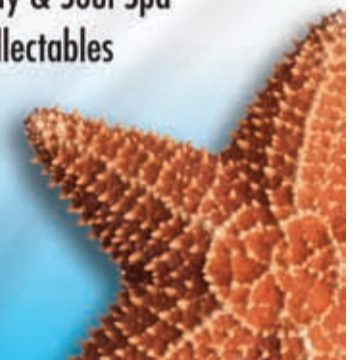
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A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba

Wednesday 09

The Art of Circus Show

- The art of circus by Ritmo Cubano (International Show) is an impressive performance by artists that will be representing Aruba this year in one of the most important festivals in the art of circus: China Wuqiao International Circus festival. Come and see them live at stage.
- From 7 PM (free event)
- Paseo Herencia, Palm Beach
- Facebook Paseo Herencia



Sunday 13

Calbas Mandala Bird Nest

- In a creative 3 hour workshop you will create a beautiful bird nest. The mentor did the prep work on the Calbas (cleaned, drilled holes, primed etc), so they are ready to be enhanced. She guides participants to meditate, reconnect with their God-essence through which they allow and receive inspiration for the Mandala that needs to be painted on a stone and the colors that speaks to their soul.
- 11 AM – 2 PM
- Centro QuiVit, Oranjestad
- Facebook The Wisdom Coach



Thursday 10

48HFP Aruba Premiere Screenings & Award

- 48 Hour Film Project Aruba is really quite simple. It is a test for participants and their team's ability to work together and make a movie in only 48 hours. This evening shows the results from Aruban film makers who put their blood, sweat and tears and completed a film! You won't want to miss seeing the films at the Premiere Screenings.
- From 7.30 PM (free event, adults only)
- Wind Creek Crystal and Seaport Casino, Oranjestad
- Facebook CINEARUBA



Monday 14

Eat Local Aruba at Casa Nonna

- The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba invites you to savor a variety of flavored-filled dining experience specially crafted by our culinary talent, during Eat Local Aruba Restaurant week. Casa Nonna pays tribute to authentic flavors and quality ingredients that are the hallmark of true Italian cuisine.
- From 6 PM
- The Ritz-Carlton, Palm Beach
- Facebook The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba

Friday 11

Barefoot Beach BBQ

- If you're not barefoot, then you're overdressed. Join in for the Barefoot Beach BBQ on the Renaissance Ocean Suites Beach with a special performance by Down Town Dixie. A delicious BBQ made to order will be prepared for you accompanied by a build your own salad station, your choice of marinate, side dishes and a decadent dessert station.*
- From 6 – 10 PM
- Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino, Oranjestad
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Saturday 12

Full Moon Walk

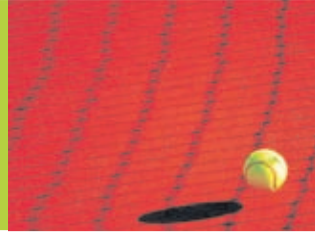
- The foundation BOB's goal is to promote early detection of breast cancer by screening healthy women between 45-75 years. This month is Breast Cancer Awareness month and in that light the Full Moon Walk is organized. Walk with us in Aruba's nature for 5 kilometer while at the same time supporting this good cause.
- From 7 – 10 PM
- Baby Beach, San Nicolas
- Facebook Stichting BOB Aruba

Tuesday 15

Bon Bini Festival

- At the Bon Bini Festival the visitors will enjoy an evening filled with history, local arts & crafts, local food & drinks, poetry, film, live performance of folkloric & carnival music. The Popcorn Dancers will be presenting the folkloric dance rhythms & the carnival rhythm of Aruba.
- From 7 PM
- Museo Historico Aruba: Fort Zoutman & Willem III Toren, Oranjestad
- Facebook Dream, Dare, Do - Aruba or Popcorn Club & Dancers Aruba

SPORTS



Kyle Larson celebrates his win in the NASCAR Cup Series auto race Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019, at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.
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Kyle Larson finally poised to answer expectations

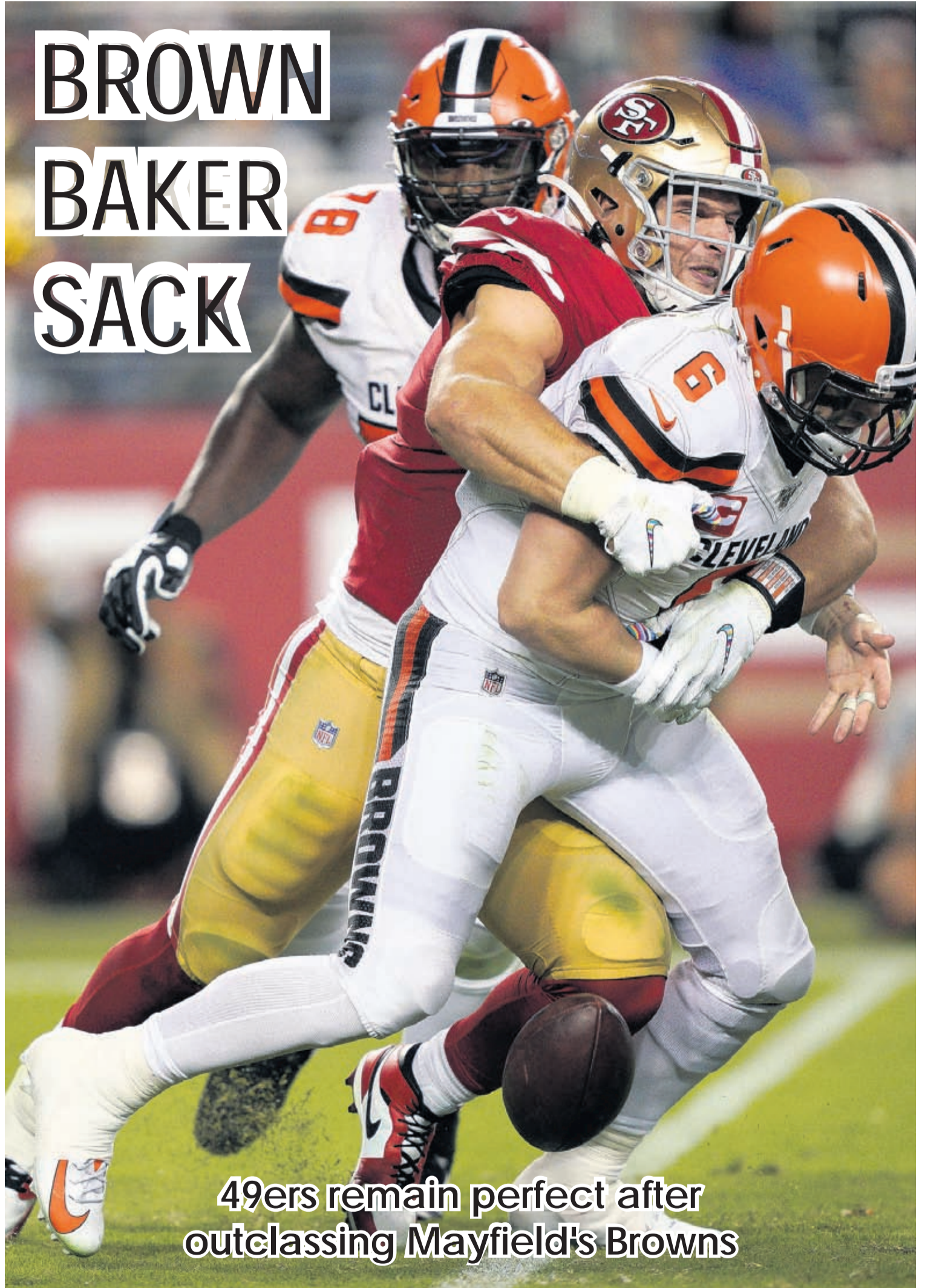
By JENNA FRYER
CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — It is odd to classify a victory on a 1-mile concrete oval in Delaware as the biggest win of Kyle Larson's career. Maybe he is among those who count their greatest triumphs on dirt, in sprint cars, venues far away from NASCAR's glitz and glamour.

But at this time of year, in the middle of a long losing streak and just a year away from free agency, Larson's victory Sunday at Dover International Speedway was enormous for both driver and team.

Larson was not considered a legitimate title contender when the playoffs began. He wasn't even the strongest of the two Chip Ganassi Racing entrants, and had been overshadowed almost all season by new teammate Kurt Busch. Then Busch had a rocky opening round of the playoffs and was eliminated when the field was trimmed from 16 to 12 a week ago.

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BROWN BAKER SACK



49ers remain perfect after outclassing Mayfield's Browns

San Francisco 49ers defensive end Nick Bosa, center, sacks and forces a fumble by Cleveland Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield (6) during the second half of an NFL football game in Santa Clara, Calif., Monday, Oct. 7, 2019. The Browns recovered the ball.

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Biles sets new record as U.S. wins world gymnastics team gold

By JAMES ELLINGWORTH
AP Sports Writer

STUTTGART, Germany (AP) — Simone Biles won a record 21st medal at the world gymnastics championships on Tuesday as the United States retained its women's team all-around title.

It was Biles' 15th career gold and broke a tie with Russian gymnast Svetlana Khorkina for the most medals overall by a woman at the world championships. She's now two short of Vitaly Scherbo's all-time record of 23 among men or women.

"Every year it feels better and better just because we're adding to the legacy," Biles said. "I feel like I never think of records. I just go out there and do what I came to do, which is compete for the country."

The U.S. team scored 172.330 points to beat second-place Russia by 5.801 points and win its seventh consecutive team title at an Olympics or world championships.

The reward for winning was a battery-powered medal that lights up when it senses movement. Biles called it "the sickest medal we've ever had."

Biles posted the best individual scores on the vault, balance beam and floor.

"I think if I do the routine that I did tonight I'll be more than happy" in Thursday's individual all-around final, she said.

A fall for Sunisa Lee on balance beam in her world championship debut and a fumbled routine from Grace McCallum on the uneven bars left the U.S. with room for improvement, though both were strong on other apparatus.

"It's just so surreal to come out here and end up on top with the strength of the team that we have, even after having a couple falls out there," Biles said.

Russia became the first team to get within six points of the U.S. since China at the 2015 world championships, something which pleased Russian gymnast Angelina Melnikova.

"We're happy that we got

second because we can't battle the Americans just yet, but today the gap was significantly lower than at the last few world championships," Melnikova said. Biles said other teams were "most definitely" closing in on the U.S.

"All of the teams have improved their difficulty over the last quad, and I think that's really exciting to see the strength that they have."

Italy ended its 69-year wait for a women's team medal with bronze, as China failed to make the podium for the first time since the 2003 world championships. China was fourth after a tough day for Liu Tingting, who fell twice on the uneven bars and again on the balance beam. □



Team U.S.A. with Simone Biles, third from right, poses for photographers after winning the gold medal in the women's team final at the Gymnastics World Championships in Stuttgart, Germany, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019.

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49ers stay perfect, dominate Mayfield, Browns in 31-3 win

By MICHAEL WAGAMAN
Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Richard Sherman has a strong message for anyone still doubting the unbeaten San Francisco 49ers.

"Don't flip-flop," Sherman said after the 49ers thumped the Cleveland Browns 31-3 on Monday night. "If you said we weren't going to make it, you said we were some way early on, stick with that position. Hold it. Don't try to give us credit now. At least stick by your word because I want you to sound like an idiot at the end. We know what we have in the building."

What the 49ers have is their best start since Joe Montana was throwing touchdowns to Jerry Rice.

But it wasn't the passing game that carried San Francisco past Cleveland. A steady, pounding running game and a dominant defensive effort did the trick this time.

Matt Breida ran 83 yards for a touchdown on San Francisco's first play from scrimmage, Baker Mayfield was harassed into his worst game as a pro, and the 49ers stayed unbeaten for their best start in nearly 30 years.

Even then, there were some questioning San Francisco's legitimacy.

"I feel like they're going to say that all year about us," said Breida, who had 114 yards on 11 carries. "I don't think anyone expected us to be 4-0 this year, to be honest. Probably expected us to be 0-4. They can say whatever they want. All that matters is who's in this locker room."

Tevin Coleman added a 19-yard score as part of a dominant ground game on a day when quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo passed for 181 yards and kicker Robbie Gould missed a pair



San Francisco 49ers running back Matt Breida (22) runs for a touchdown against the Cleveland Browns during the first half of an NFL football game in Santa Clara, Calif., Monday, Oct. 7, 2019.
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of field goal attempts and had a third try blocked.

San Francisco (4-0) joined the 5-0 New England Patriots as the only remaining undefeated teams in the NFL. It's the first time the 49ers have won their first four games since 1990.

"It's a good start is really all it is," Garoppolo said. "We have a good mindset in that locker room."

The Browns (2-3) are headed the opposite direction after losing two of three, with fresh concerns about their young quarterback.

"You can't have mistakes. You can't have turnovers. You can't have drops. You can't have penalties," Cleveland coach Freddie Kitchens said. "Offensively, that kind of summed us up. We just shot ourselves in the foot too many times."

Mayfield had a horrible game. The No. 1 overall pick last year, Mayfield completed 8 of 22 passes for a career-low 100 yards,

had a 13.4 passer rating, threw two interceptions, fumbled twice and was sacked four times before being pulled in the fourth quarter.

It's the first time in Mayfield's 18 career starts that he failed to throw a touchdown pass.

"It was like one step forward, two back," Mayfield said. "No rhythm for the offense to get into. And when we did, we just got down in the red zone and didn't finish. The inconsistency is killing us right now." Things were rough all around for Mayfield.

San Francisco defensive end Nick Bosa poked fun at the Browns quarterback after forcing Mayfield into a hurried incompleteness in the second quarter. Bosa, the second overall draft pick, got up and pretended to wave a flag and plant it in the turf as the crowd roared. It was a clear shot at Mayfield, who planted

an Oklahoma flag in the turf after leading the Sooners to win over Bosa and Ohio State in 2017.

"I think everybody knows what that was for," Bosa said. "Just wanted to get payback. He had it coming."

San Francisco forced four turnovers overall.

The 49ers were coming off a bye and had two weeks to prepare, while the Browns flew cross country.

It showed.

Breida raced past the Browns' front line and went untouched on his long touchdown run, waving to safety Demarius Randall as he sprinted into the end zone with the 49ers longest run of the season.

Fans at Levi's Stadium barely settled back into their seats when Sherman picked off Mayfield near midfield, setting a rough tone for Cleveland's second-year quarterback.

Breida and Coleman combined for 211 rushing yards as San Francisco outgained Cleveland 275-102 on the ground.

"It's something you always want to do as a coach," 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said. "It's the easiest way to win. You play real good defense and you can run

the ball, that takes some pressure off a lot of people and doesn't put you in a lot of risky situations."

That took pressure off Garoppolo, who passed for two touchdowns and completed 20 of 29 throws.

Garoppolo's 5-yard throw to Breida put the 49ers up 14-0 early in the first quarter. He later connected on a 22-yard pass to tight end George Kittle in the third that made it 28-3.

NOT THIS TIME EITHER

The 49ers' defense is the only NFL team to not allow a rushing touchdown this season. Browns running back Nick Chubb had 87 yards on 16 carries but was a non-factor for most of the game, especially after Cleveland fell behind big.

BECKHAM OR BAKER

Browns wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. threw a 20-yard completion to Jarvis Landry on Cleveland's first play. Beckham took a handoff from Mayfield for what initially looked like an end around before reversing direction then pulling up to pass. It's the third time in his career that Beckham has completed a pass, but the first time this season.

Beckham was upset he didn't get the ball to Antonio Callaway, who was open deep.

"We made eye contact and I could not throw it to him," Beckham said. "There might have been an opportunity to throw it deep and it could have changed the whole momentum of the game."

INJURIES

49ers: Fullback Kyle Juszyk left the game with a sprained left knee midway through the third quarter. Juszyk, who had a pivotal block on Breida's long touchdown run, wore a thick black brace on his leg while walking through the locker room after the game.

UP NEXT

Browns: Return to Cleveland to host Seattle on Sunday before getting a week off for the bye.

49ers: Play at the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday in a key divisional matchup for both teams. □





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Dodgers bullpen falters vs. Nats, sending NLDS back to LA

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rich Hill isn't sure how the course of history could have differed for the Los Angeles Dodgers if he recorded one more out.

"If I could've finished off that third inning, it might've maybe changed things," Hill said.

When manager Dave Roberts took the ball out of Hill's hands, he turned it over to a bullpen full of question marks. After starter Kenta Maeda got through a strong inning-plus, a revolving assortment of relievers allowed five runs in a 6-1 loss to the Washington Nationals on Monday that tied the NL Division Series at 2.

"The result certainly wasn't what we would have hoped for, but as far as kind of the process, I loved it," Roberts said.

Pedro Báez gave up a three-run home run to Ryan Zimmerman in the fifth that busted open the game, and his teammates couldn't crack Nationals ace Max Scherzer to close out the series.

Instead, the Dodgers will turn to Walker Buehler in a winner-take-all Game 5 on Wednesday back in Los Angeles and hope the young right-hander can continue his yearlong success in the biggest of pressure situations thus far. Buehler tossed six scoreless innings to beat the Nationals in Game 1, and Roberts said Clayton Kershaw is ready to follow in relief.

"We're excited," Buehler said. "I think the thing that's kind of lost in playoff baseball is that it's really fun. And I think the pressure and things like that, if you spin it in your head the right way it can make it more fun."

With Los Angeles up 2-1 in the series, all options po-

tentially were available for Roberts on Monday, including Kershaw, who memorably closed out the Game 5 in 2017 in Washington to send the Dodgers to the NL Championship Series. After Hill walked four in 2 2/3 innings, Roberts turned to Maeda, Julio Urías, Báez, Ross Stripling and Dustin May with less than favorable results.

Maeda struck out two in 1 1/3 innings, then came out as pinch-hitter A.J. Pollock struck out for the 10th time in 12 playoff at-bats. Roberts was limited with how much he could use Maeda after an appearance in Game 3 Sunday.

Roberts didn't like what he saw from Urías in giving up three hits in the fifth and was confident about his decision to yank him for Báez with Zimmerman up and two on.

"I just felt that Pedro was a better matchup considering where he was at as far as freshness and I just liked him in that spot, I really did," Roberts said. "So the thought was for Pedro to continue to get out of it and continue on."

Báez promptly served up the 97 mph fastball that Zimmerman sent over the center-field fence.

"It's the same thing I've been doing all year is trying to go in there, trying to come in with the mentality of trying to get the out, try to do my job," Báez said through an interpreter. "Unfortunately today he was able to get that high fastball and make good contact."

Between the third and fifth innings, Dodgers pitchers allowed more runs than they had in any of the first three games of the series. Stripling then had a wild pitch that helped the Nationals tack on another run in the sixth, and the Dodg-



Los Angeles Dodgers relief pitcher Pedro Baez (52) looks away after giving up a three-run homer to Washington Nationals first baseman Ryan Zimmerman (11) during the fifth inning in Game 4 of a baseball National League Division Series on Monday, Oct. 7, 2019, in Washington.

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ers came up empty after loading the bases with one out in the seventh against Scherzer, who struck out seven and allowed one run in the victory.

"Scherzer pitched really well," Dodgers catcher Will

Smith said. "He had his slider going, his change-up to the lefties and he was mixing his fastball in pretty good. He was just making pitches all night."

Absent a solo home run by Justin Turner in the first,

the lack of clutch hitting couldn't dig the Dodgers out of the deep hole their pitchers put them in. That included two fruitless innings against a Washington bullpen imploded a day earlier. □

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Pietrangelo scores tiebreaker, Blues beat Maple Leafs 3-2



St. Louis Blues defenseman Alex Pietrangelo (27) celebrates after scoring against the Toronto Maple Leafs during third-period NHL hockey game action in Toronto, Monday, Oct. 7, 2019.

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TORONTO (AP) — The St. Louis Blues have picked up right where they left off last season.

Alex Pietrangelo scored the tiebreaking goal in the third period, leading the defending champion Blues to a 3-2 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Monday night.

Oskar Sundqvist and Brayden Schenn also scored and Jordan Binnington stopped 32 shots to help St. Louis improve to 2-0-1 this season.

On the decisive goal at 7:51 of the third, David Perron found a pinching Pietrangelo, who beat a down-and-out Frederik Andersen from a tight angle at the bottom of the faceoff circle for his second of the season. Pietrangelo also earned his 400th career point and 23rd game-

winner to break a tie with Al MacInnis for the most by a defenseman in franchise history.

"We're playing with a lot more movement," Pietrangelo said. "We did that in the second half of (last season). We're moving a lot more on the blue line, we've got defensemen that can make plays.

"The more movement we have, the better we are." Frederik Gauthier and William Nylander scored for Toronto, which has dropped two straight (2-1-1). Andersen finished with 26 saves.

"We played pretty good," Andersen said. "Unfortunately it didn't go our way." St. Louis had a chance to add to its lead when Toronto defenseman Jake Muzzin went off for slashing with 4:57 left, but the Maple Leafs had the best chance

when Binnington robbed Ilya Mikheyev with his right pad off the rush.

Toronto pressed with Andersen on the bench for the extra skater, but couldn't find a way past Binnington and the Blues' stout, battle-tested defense.

"The boys have been battling," Binnington said. "That was another good comeback victory."

The Blues opened the scoring at 8:30 of the second when Sundqvist — the Blues' fourth-line center — moved in on Andersen and fired a slap shot from the top of the faceoff circle that defenseman Tyson Barrie tried to block with his stick.

"I wanted to make that save," Andersen said. "But if you've ever stopped a hockey puck you'd know it's tough when there's stuff going on in front of the

puck.

"But obviously a save I've got to have."

The Maple Leafs tied it when Jason Spezza batted a puck out of the air to Gauthier, who banged in his second of the season with 8:26 left.

Fans at Scotiabank barely had a chance to sit back down when they were on their feet again 24 seconds later when Nylander finished off a beautiful passing play with Cody Ceci and Andreas Johnsson for his second.

"They just have so much skill," Binnington said. "They move the puck and they want to go forward. It's probably fun to play in that system, but we handled it.

"Both teams played well. I'm happy we came out on top."

St. Louis, which went from

last in the overall standings in January to winning the franchise's first Stanley Cup in June, pushed back late in the period and tied it with 47.3 seconds left on the clock when Schenn beat Andersen between the pads after Toronto defenseman Morgan Rielly turned the puck over.

"Good teams find a way to win," Maple Leafs head coach Mike Babcock said. "They found a way to get one (in the third period) and we didn't."

Binnington was helped out by two posts in a busy first period.

Toronto center Alexander Kerfoot hit the post just two minutes in after moving in alone on Binnington. Andersen snapped his glove out at the other end to deny Schenn after the Maple Leafs were caught running around in the defensive zone for an extended period.

Auston Matthews, who had five goals in three games to open the season, then rang another shot off the post behind Binnington on a Toronto power play before Nylander couldn't quite control a loose puck with the St. Louis goalie down and out.

NOTES: Last season, Nylander didn't get his second goal until his 24th game following a long contract impasse that dragged into December. ... Spezza was a healthy scratch for two of Toronto's first three games. He suited up at home for the first time and registered his first point with the Maple Leafs after signing for the league minimum in free agency on July 1. ... Binnington, a native of nearby Richmond Hill, Ontario, made his first-ever start at Scotiabank Arena after not grabbing the No. 1 job in St. Louis until early January last season. The 26-year-old did beat Toronto 3-2 in overtime at Enterprise Center on Feb. 19. He had dozens of family and friends in attendance for this game.

UP NEXT

Blues: At Ottawa on Thursday night.

Maple Leafs: Host Tampa Bay on Thursday night. □



Kyle Larson does a burnout after winning the NASCAR Cup Series playoff auto race Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019, at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

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Seven days later, Larson became the first driver locked into the third round — the reward for snapping a 75-race winless skid — and suddenly is in the championship conversation.

"This is my best opportunity to win the championship," Larson said. "I've got to take advantage of that."

Larson had nine top-10 finishes, but this season could have been considered his worst in years. His numbers are down in nearly every meaningful category — top-five and top-10 finishes, laps led and average start and finish — and he wasn't a lock to even make the playoffs until the final month of the regular season. He did score the \$1 million payday with his win in May at the exhibition All-Star race, but his success this year had been relegated to sprint cars, where Larson is idolized for his talent and passion for grassroots racing.

It's why that losing streak didn't seem so bad.

"I've won sprint car races this year. I've won midget races this year. Go-kart races. So yeah, I mean, it doesn't feel like that long," Larson said.

But it had been almost two years and the pressure was mounting. Larson came to NASCAR billed as the next Jeff Gordon or Tony Stewart, and while his potential has come in flashes, the

results have not been consistent and questions have swirled about his commitment to Cup racing.

With his contract with Ganassi up at the end of next season, it's not necessarily the best time for team owners to wonder if Larson would prefer to be dirt racing but paid as an elite NASCAR driver.

The Dover victory now gives Larson the power to meet his NASCAR expectations. He can prove over the remaining six weeks that he is a top driver, that Ganassi's cars have turned a corner in competitiveness and that Larson does want to be part of NASCAR's weekly show. He's got his sights on Homestead-Miami Speedway, where the champion will be crowned in November.

Larson has three top-five finishes in six career starts at Homestead, where he has led laps in all but one appearance and has the skills to attack the progressive banking on the 1.5-mile oval. But Larson could never make it out of the second round of the playoffs — no Ganassi driver has ever been to the round of eight — and his performance at Homestead each year meant absolutely nothing in the championship race. Now he doesn't need to worry about Sunday's race at Talladega Superspeedway, where Larson has crashed in two of the last

three races, or the elimination race at Kansas Speedway, where an engine failure in 2017 knocked Larson out of the playoffs.

Instead, he and the No. 42 team can study the tracks at Martinsville, Texas and Phoenix, and carve out the clearest path to making the final four at Homestead.

"We want to go and make it into that final round of Homestead, where it's my best track," Larson said. "I've looked at this ever since they released next year's schedule. Texas we could go there and win. We could go to Phoenix and have a good shot to win. Martinsville, hopefully, we can go have a good run there. But we'll see. It's just nice to get a win."

Larson has it pretty good with Ganassi, who allows him to compete in sprint car racing while many team owners restrict what their drivers can do in their free time. And Ganassi is the one who has backed Larson since his transition into NASCAR in 2012. There is loyalty between the two, but it only goes so far when money is involved.

Ganassi took a multimillion-dollar hit in December when the FBI raided one of his primary sponsors and the pledged money for 2020 never came through. To justify an expected bidding war next season, Ganassi needs certainty that Larson can deliver. □



Roger Federer of Switzerland hits a return shot against Albert Ramos-Vinolas of Spain during their men's singles match at the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament at Qizhong Forest Sports City Tennis Center in Shanghai, China, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019.

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Federer, Medvedev reach 3rd round in Shanghai; Murray out

By SANDRA HARWITT
Associated Press

SHANGHAI (AP) — Roger Federer didn't face a break point as he won his opening match at the Shanghai Masters on Tuesday, beating Albert Ramos-Vinolas 6-2, 7-6 (5).

The second-seeded Federer, who is bidding to win a third Shanghai Masters title, dominated in the first set, but was tested in the second.

Federer struggled in the tiebreaker, falling behind 1-4, but eventually managed to pull even. He won his lone match point when he executed a forehand crosscourt volley.

"I focused and had good energy, because sometimes, you know, when you travel around the globe, you're missing a bit of energy," Federer said. "Those first few games or matches can be sometimes a bit tricky."

"I think (my) serve was solid. I was hitting my spots and really was never in trouble there."

The last time the two faced each other was in the 2015 Shanghai Masters, where the Spaniard shocked Federer by taking the three-set encounter, and Federer admitted he had that second-round match on his mind on Tuesday.

"All the time," said Federer, when asked if he thought of their previous outing.

"The truth, yeah, I was thinking about it. Watched highlights. Remember how it felt. I had my chances. I won many more points that time than I lost, so I should have actually won that match."

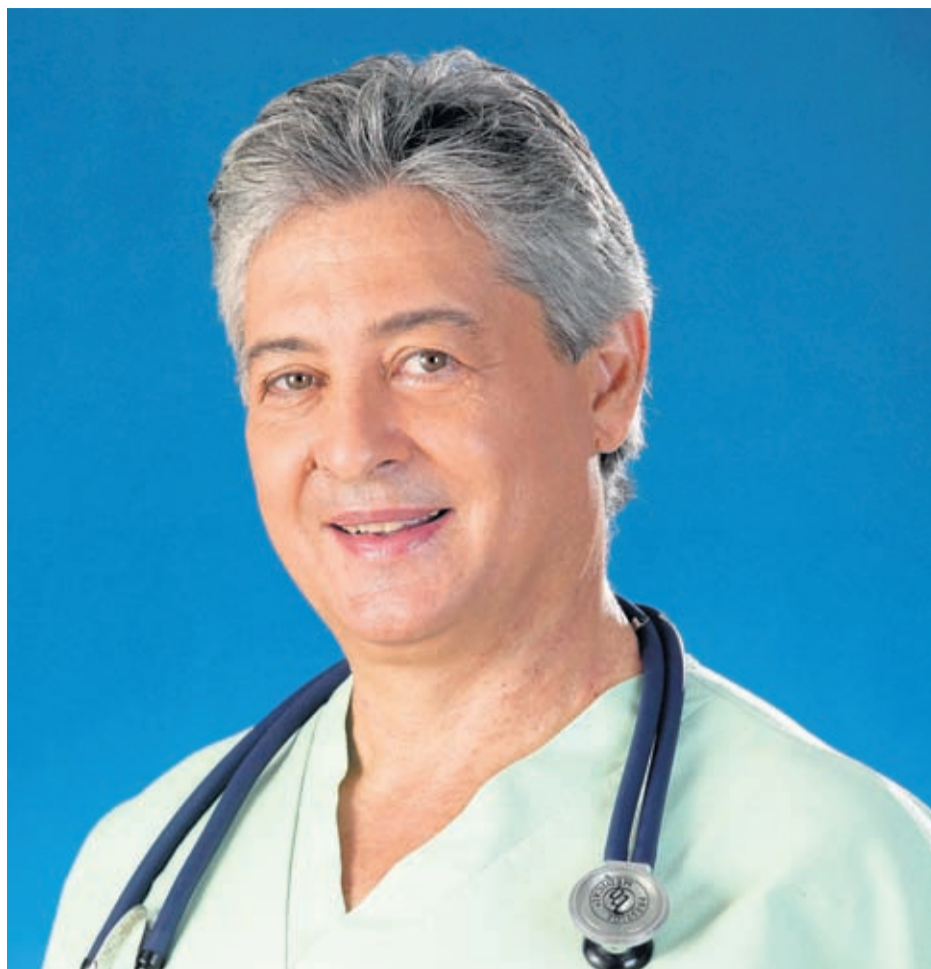
Andy Murray served for his second-round match against 10th seed Fabio Fognini twice in the third set - in the 10th and 12th games - but ended up losing 7-6 (4), 2-6, 7-6 (2) in a match which lasted more than three hours.

"I'm very disappointed right now," Murray said. "There is a lot of things that I need to get better at, and I can do much better."

I will go away and I'll work on those things.

"I served for the match twice and lost after three hours, so I want to say that's the first time ever in my career that that's happened." Similarly to Federer, third seed Daniil Medvedev of Russia never offered his opponent, British qualifier Cameron Norrie, a break point opportunity in securing a 6-3, 6-1 second-round win in 54-minutes.

"I'm really happy with my performance, really happy with the score and am really looking forward to the next round," Medvedev said. "It was my first match here in Shanghai after having a few weeks off, so I was a little bit stressed about how my level would be. □



By: Carlos M Viana, CCN, OMD

Not by Bread Alone

Foods made from wheat and other grains are staples in North American and European diets. We have been programmed to have grain products be our diet foundation. Shifting our eating habits towards breads and other processed flour products has been easier for government agencies and the food industry to manage. Less refined grains, often in combination, as with granola cereals and whole wheat breads fortified with bran, coarse flours, and other additives are now eaten in large quantities because they have been presented as 'health' foods. Unfortunately, wheat and its close relatives, barley, rye and oats have been proven to cause health problems in the diets of many people. Wheat intolerance or allergies rank second only to milk allergies when we review our patient's medical complaints. It could be that in the

Bible's Luke 4:4, which says: "Not on bread alone shall man be living, but on every declaration of God", has relevance in today's world. By the way, the bread of this time was usually made from the less offensive, whole grain millet, not wheat.

Grains are popular foods because of their ability to react with live yeast to form the rising or lightness and taste. The component that allows this reaction to take place is proteins in the grains collectively called "gluten". The cereal grains, wheat, rye, oats and barley all contain similar proteins. In many people, especially in individuals with blood types O and A, gluten reacts by exciting our immune responses especially in the gastrointestinal tract. In other words, many people are allergic to gluten. Grains can present many other problems including negative reactions to the

grain contaminated with pesticides, preservatives, and molds. But, that will be another article.

Celiac Disease is the best-recognized form of gluten allergy and is also called gluten intolerance. Actually, I am not the only medical professional who believes that every person with type O blood is gluten intolerant and, thus, on the waiting list to develop type II diabetes. Symptoms of celiac disease can range from diarrhea, weight loss, and malnutrition, to isolated nutrient deficiencies with no gastrointestinal symptoms. The disease is thought to be highest among people of Northern European descent, but we now know that it also affects Hispanic, Black and Asian populations equally as well. Those affected suffer damage to their intestines when they eat specific food-grain antigens that are found in wheat, rye, barley or oats.

The gastrointestinal tract is the primary target organ; however hidden symptoms may show as irritable bowel syndrome with iron deficiency anemia, with little or no diarrhea. Dr. Kelly, of the Boston University Hospital, in a clinic pathological review of celiac disease stated that: "...there is increasing evidence that most people with gluten sensitivity have latent celiac disease with such mild manifestations (in the digestive tract) that the diagnosis is never made.

Wheat intolerance or allergies are associated with a variety of autoimmune disorders, carcinomas of the gastrointestinal tract and lymphomas. Increased incidences of diabetes, autoimmune thyroid disease, sarcoidosis, vasculitis, pulmo-


nary fibrosis, encephalopathy and cerebellar atrophy have been reported in celiac patients. This is serious stuff. This relationship re-stated as simple as possible says "cereal grains cause cancer"! Now, the implications are more easily understood.

We have had patients with inflammatory arthritis that improved dramatically when we removed milk and grain products, especially wheat, from their diet. The occurrence of pain in joints, particularly the hands, with slight swelling, stiffness and loss of mobility is the early presentation of allergic arthritis; can occur strictly as a manifestation of gluten allergy.

High cholesterol, skin disorders, obesity and its dangerous health consequences can all be effects of wheat allergies. If any of these symptoms are a problem, a visit to your clinical nutritionist could help you safely change your diet and regain your optimal health.

Get the Point! We have known about the disease bearing consequences of eating wheat and other grains for years already. Why have you not been informed by public health organizations? What about fiber? Brown (whole grain) rice, which is not known to cause health problems in any blood type is full of nutritious B Vitamins and eaten daily, keeps your colon clean and healthy. If you want to check what food and chemical intolerances are negatively affecting your good looks and health, check in with a Certified Clinical Nutritionist or holistic physician trained in nutrition. Who knows, the bread or the cancer you avoid might be yours. □

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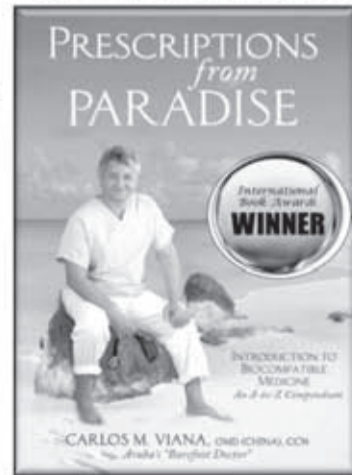


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Millennial Money: Don't ignore the signs of financial abuse

By **KELSEY SHEEHY**

Nearly 70% of millennial women have experienced financial abuse by a romantic partner.

Let that sink in for a second. That means, for every 10 women you know in that age group, odds are that seven of them have had a partner use money to control or manipulate them, according to a 2017 survey of 2,000 people ages 18-35 by CentSai, a financial wellness website.

Sadly, it's not surprising given that 1 in 4 women will experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime — often for the first time before they are 25 years old, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. And financial abuse is present in nearly all domestic abuse cases.

But financial abuse can and does occur absent of any physical violence. And it isn't strictly a millennial problem, nor is it something that happens exclusively to women. Almost 50% of men in the survey by CentSai said they experienced some form of financial abuse.

RECOGNIZING FINANCIAL ABUSE

Financial abuse can run the gamut from subtle to egregious.

It might look like a partner who can't keep a job or pay their share of the bills. Or one who makes you feel guilty for spending your own money. But it could also be a partner who offers to handle the household finances, then gradually restricts your access to those accounts.

Some other common forms of financial abuse:

— They open credit cards in your name without your



In this Aug. 11, 2019, photo a woman signs a check at a restaurant in New Orleans.

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knowledge.

— They default on accounts in your name, ruining your credit.

— They make you take out loans or borrow from your family, but don't pay it back.

— They hide money from you.

— They refuse to let you work or try to sabotage your career.

If you feel like you're being taken advantage of financially, bring it up with your partner. How they react will tell you a lot.

Do they get angry? Do they shift the blame to you? Do they make you feel guilty for questioning them? Or do they apologize and take meaningful steps to remedy the situation?

"A good sign is if you feel like you can have that con-

versation and your partner is receptive to it," says Katie Hood, CEO of the One Love Foundation, a non-profit that teaches young people how to identify and avoid abusive relationships. But if you're avoiding these types of conversations out of fear for how your partner could react, that might be a warning sign.

"When someone is in an abusive relationship, they basically start managing their life around another person's anger and volatility," Hood says.

LOOK FOR PATTERNS

Financial abuse, like most

forms of abuse, typically isn't a one-off behavior, but part of a trend that escalates over time, so it's important to look for the patterns, Hood says. "I think about it like falling down a rabbit hole," Hood says. "It starts out great — you're adored. The next step is isolation. They basically pull you away from your support network and tether you to them. Then, they start the emotional abuse — manipulating you, being controlling, sabotage, calling you names, calling you crazy."

HOW TO GET HELP

First, assess your risk level. If

you fear for your safety call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 or TTY 800-787-3224 or contact a local hotline immediately. They can connect you with resources and help you get out of the relationship safely.

If you're not concerned for your safety, start building an exit plan.

"The first step is to be aware. The second is to start doing some protection," says Shannon Thomas, author of "Exposing Financial Abuse." At this stage, it's important to not tell your abuser you're going to leave. "I've talked to folks that confronted the abuser, and the next day all the money was out of the account."

Instead, get educated. Find out where your joint accounts are and how to get access to them. Bank staff can be helpful, Thomas says. It's difficult, but important, to be honest about what you suspect is going on. Remember, it's something they've likely heard before.

If you suspect a loved one is experiencing financial abuse, express your concern without berating their partner. Point out patterns that you see and ask for their assessment.

"They may get defensive. They may push back," Thomas says. "But if someone gently asks and says 'I'm seeing this and I'm concerned,' it opens the door." □




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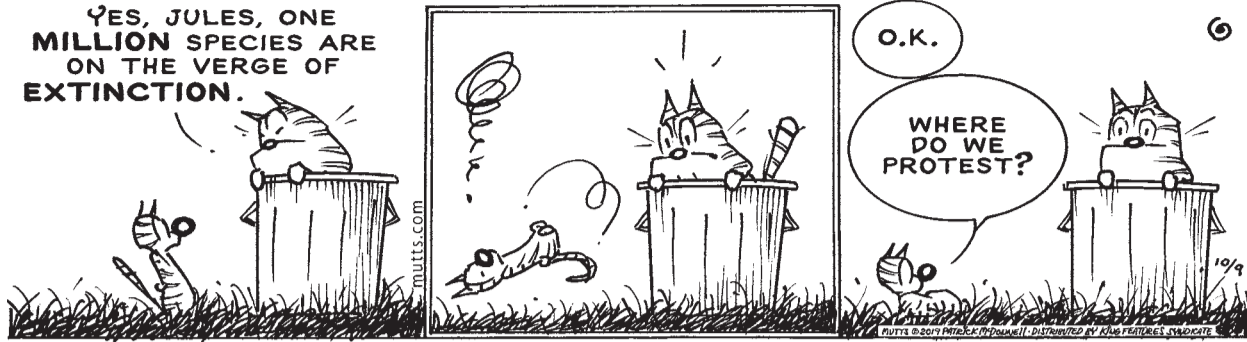
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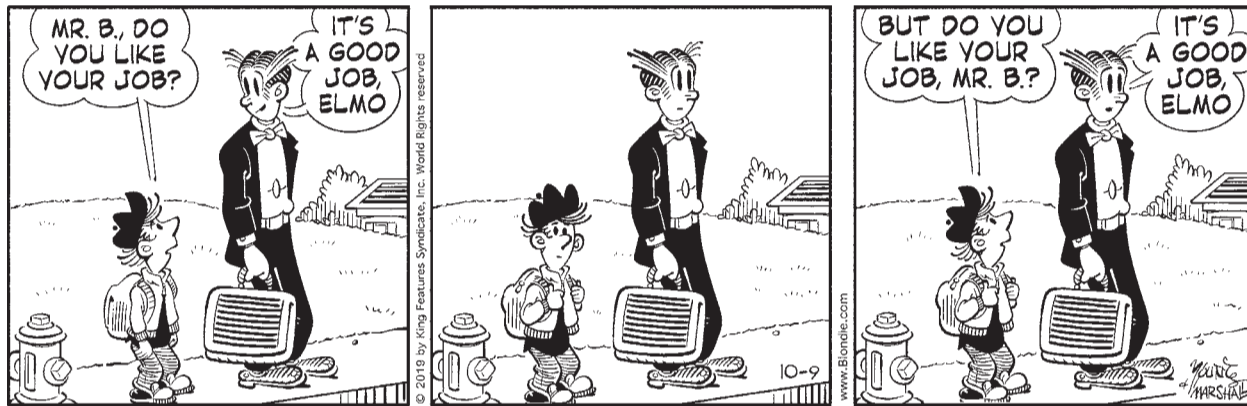
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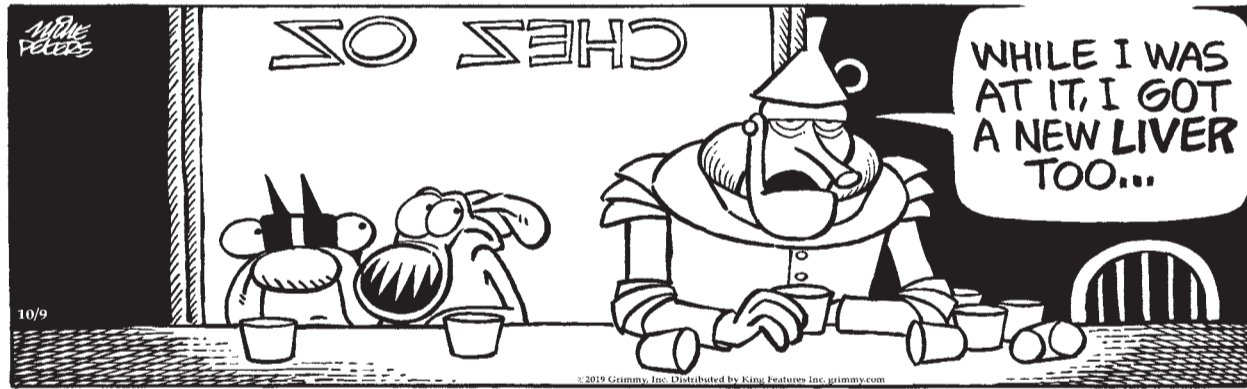
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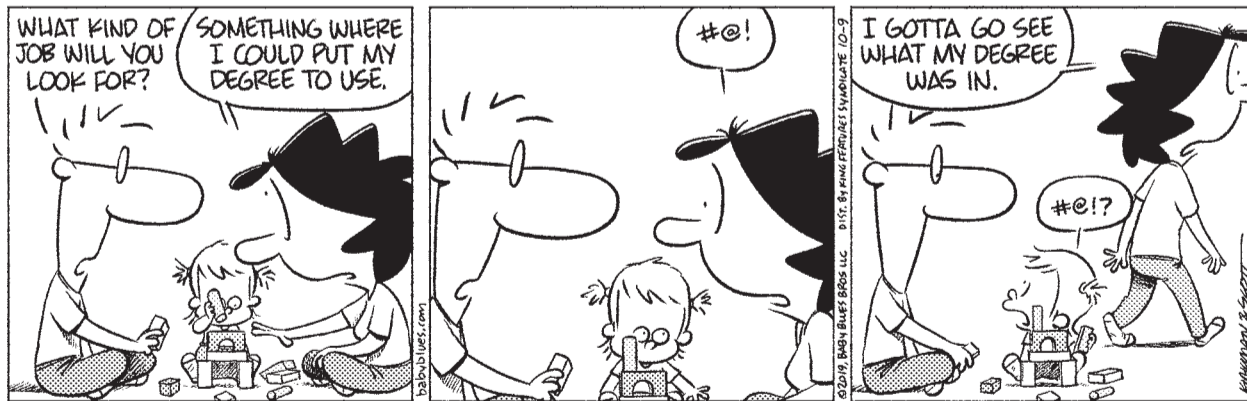
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

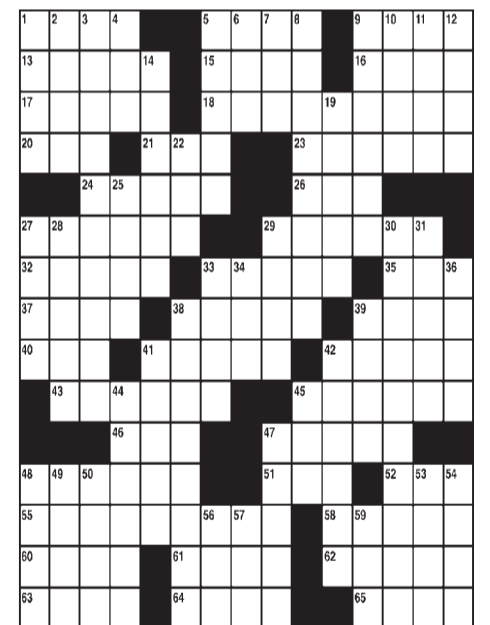
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ACROSS

- 1 Mixer speed
- 5 ___ up; makes sense
- 9 Trudge
- 13 Respect highly
- 15 Aretha's music
- 16 Hook, ___ and sinker
- 17 WWII hero ___
- 33 Hatred
- 18 Lack of knowledge
- 20 Prefix for angle or pod
- 21 Scuzzball
- 23 Tried out
- 24 Long look
- 26 Pork product
- 27 Get away
- 29 Blazing
- 32 Jack & joker
- 33 Hatred
- 35 Laundry soap
- 37 Goes quickly
- 38 Dinner in the sty
- 39 Cheese with a whitish rind
- 40 "Grand ___ Opry"
- 41 Baseball's Barry ___
- 42 Chatter
- 43 Alley cats
- 45 Pieces of china
- 46 Capone & others
- 47 Like a bad steak
- 48 Huns' leader
- 51 "___ the Hard Knock Life"; song from "Annie"
- 52 Peculiar
- 55 Comforted
- 58 Kovacs or Pyle
- 60 Dress style
- 61 Lunch spot
- 62 Allen or Martin
- 63 Dermatologist's concern
- 64 Breakfast order
- 65 Historical periods

DOWN

- 1 "So ___ else is new?"
- 2 360 seconds
- 3 Imprudent
- 4 Taro root paste
- 5 Set ___; reserve
- 6 Popular pet
- 7 Final bill
- 8 Lazy
- 9 Fluid part of the blood
- 10 Fuzzy residue
- 11 ___ more; again
- 12 Landowner's paper
- 14 Summarizes
- 19 Kingdom
- 22 TV's "People ___ Funny"
- 25 Small amounts
- 27 Canyon sound
- 28 ___ away; leaves shore
- 29 Needs a doctor
- 30 Competitive runner
- 31 Upper class
- 33 Possesses
- 34 "Why ___ the chicken cross the road?"
- 36 Bruce & Brandon
- 38 Teriyaki marinade



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- 39 Toot one's own horn
- 41 Sporting equipment
- 42 Advantages
- 44 Dried fruit
- 45 Piece of cookware
- 47 Wave movements
- 48 Upper limbs
- 49 Yellowish wood
- 50 Uber alternative
- 53 Prima donna
- 54 Shameful grades
- 56 Dustcloth
- 57 D-H connection
- 59 Mailman's beat: abbr.

6 elephants drown, 2 rescued in Thai national park

Associated Press BANGKOK (AP) — A herd of wild elephants was swept away by raging waters in a national park in Thailand, drowning six, while rangers helped steer two of the animals out of a deep ravine. Staff at Khao Yai National Park discovered the two struggling elephants and the carcasses after dawn Saturday near the Haew Narok waterfall, also known as the Ravine of Hell. The two elephants were trying to reach a dead calf, park officials said. Park rangers helped lead the two elephants from the ravine and said they will monitor their condition throughout the week. The waterfall was closed off to visitors while officials remove the carcasses. "The two elephants right now are taking a rest. □

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Once nearly extinct, songbird coming off endangered list

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP)

— The federal government said Tuesday it will remove the Kirtland's warbler from its list of protected species, finding the small, yellow-bellied songbird had recovered more than half a century after being designated as endangered.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service credited teamwork among numerous agencies and nonprofit groups with the survival of the warbler, which had fallen victim to its own picky habitat demands and competition from the predatory brown-headed cowbird. The same measures that overcame those threats will be needed in the future to prevent backsliding, officials said.

"We've transitioned from bringing this species out of the emergency room to providing it with long-term stability," said Dan Kennedy, endangered species coordinator with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. "The job now is to ensure that this species continues to have a healthy population."

Officials announced the decision at a news conference in East Lansing, Michigan. It takes effect Nov. 8, following a 30-day listing in the Federal Register.

Biologists describe Kirtland's warblers as among the most geographically limited birds in the continental U.S. They nest on the ground beneath young jack pines in northern Michigan, parts of Wisconsin and the Canadian province of Ontario. If the trees get too old or large, they're no longer suitable.

Wildfires historically swept through the region every few decades, burning down overgrown jack pines and popping open cones that produced new ones.



This May 19, 2008, file photo shows a Kirtland's warbler, an endangered songbird that lives in the jack pine forests of northern Michigan, near Mio, Mich.

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But modern fire suppression disrupted the cycle, and warbler-friendly territory became perilously small.

To enlarge it, agencies developed a system of logging overgrown pine stands and replanting new ones to imitate what nature previously did.

Listed as endangered in 1967, its population later hit a record low of only 167 pairs. But the tide eventually turned.

Warbler numbers rose steadily in the 1990s and have been above their recovery goal of 1,000 pairs for 17 years. The latest census put them at about 2,300 pairs.

"While scientists have watched a massive decline leading to 3 billion fewer birds across the country, Endangered Species Act protections have resulted in a more than 10-fold increase in the Kirtland's warbler," said Noah Greenwald, endangered species director for the Center for Biological Diversity. "The Kirtland's warbler recovery is a clear signal the Endangered Species Act works."

More than 210,000 acres (85,000 hectares) of state and national forest lands were designated as warbler habitat and management

techniques improved, said Scott Hicks, a field office supervisor with the service. When planners saw that a 1980 wildfire in the Huron-Manistee National Forest opened the way to large sections of new jack pines that were a magnet for warblers, they began cutting and replanting bigger blocks of trees.

They also made headway against the cowbird, which lays eggs in nests of other songbirds, including warblers. Cowbird chicks out-compete young warblers, which perish as their seemingly oblivious parents feed the interlopers.

The Fish and Wildlife Service placed traps in the warbler zone with decoys or food. Once nabbed, the cowbirds were euthanized. Few have been found in war-

bler nests in recent years, Hicks said.

A team of state and federal experts, university researchers and volunteer groups will continue monitoring the warblers for at least 12 years. But their long-term survival will depend on continued habitat management and cowbird control, funded by governments, private supporters and payments by timber companies that log the jack pines.

The trees are useful for manufacturing pulp and paper, among other products.

A big point in the warbler's favor was that there were no conflicts between interests that sometimes clash over endangered species protection.

"It's been a great example of collaboration between different agencies, private landowners, and a variety of different folks and groups that came together very early in the process and have stayed engaged," said Tom Johnson, managing director of Timberland Investment Resources LLC, which manages working forest investments in Wisconsin.

Scientists also will keep an eye on the Bahamas, where the warblers spend winters. Although Hurricane Dorian devastated parts of the islands, it did not cause major damage to areas that are most popular with the birds, Hicks said.

"Hurricanes have occurred before in the Bahamas and we've never detected any kind of population impacts to the species," he said.

The Kirtland's warbler boosts tourism in the five-county section of rural northern Michigan that has the largest numbers, drawing bird-watchers from around the world.

"They're the lead character in the success story," said Abby Ertel of the nonprofit group Huron Pines, a member of the team that will oversee future preservation efforts. "But if they're doing well, it also means the forests are healthy, the water is healthy, the critters are healthy and so are we." □

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Lively 'Queen Meryl' crowns Streep as acting's best

By DOUGLASS K. DANIEL
Associated Press

"Queen Meryl: The Iconic Roles, Heroic Deeds, and Legendary Life of Meryl Streep," Hachette, by Erin Carlson

The sort of book that would make its subject blush and her fans gush, "Queen Meryl" affirms Meryl Streep as the greatest actress of her generation — maybe of either gender and of any generation. That she's not one to take herself so seriously as to believe there is anything heroic or legendary about her life is another reason to celebrate her.

It's not just the seemingly countless, varied roles or numerous honors, including three Oscars. As author Erin Carlson states, "Most of all, she represents a meaningful goal for women: the courage to shed fear and inhibition and live a big, bold, authentic life."

Streep created her first role in high school when she tamped down a naturally bossy, opinionated and loud personality to become more popular among the girls and with the boys. Her reward then was the crown

of homecoming queen. At Vassar and Yale the real Meryl emerged, now impressing her drama teachers and classmates with her excellence at performance.

Theater roles led to her first film, 1977's "Julia" with Jane Fonda, and the Emmy-winning miniseries "Holocaust" the next year. Prominent supporting roles in back-to-back winners of the Oscar for best picture — "The Deer Hunter" in 1978 and "Kramer vs. Kramer" in 1979 — signaled a talent that could carry a movie on its own steam. She became the go-to interpreter of complex women, whether fragile or strong, adorable or horrible, funny or sad.

Carlson provides a serious but playful account of Streep's career and enough private moments to back up the actress' reputation as a generous colleague and a devoted wife and mother of four. Managing to have a life beyond stage and screen while conquering both venues points to her indefatigable nature and the courage to take roles that, on their face,



This book cover image released by Hachette shows "Queen Meryl: The Iconic Roles, Heroic Deeds, and Legendary Life of Meryl Streep," by Erin Carlson.

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don't seem right for her. Several come to mind: a Polish survivor of a Nazi death camp in "Sophie's Choice"; an Oklahoma nuclear worker in "Silkwood"; the Danish author Karen Blixen in "Out of Africa"; an Italian war bride in "The Bridges of Madison County"; British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in "The Iron Lady"; and a songbird in the musical "Mama Mia!" Time and again, she makes a role her own. Only those who follow Streep closely may know that she is an outspoken liberal on many public issues — among them climate change, #MeToo and Donald Trump — because she doesn't demand center stage to be involved. Trump's declaration that she is "one of the most overrated actresses in Hollywood" is hardly the worst review she's received, but it might be one that she's proud of.

Biographies of stumble-free high achievers are notoriously dull if informative. To put some spring in her research, Carlson writes in the breezy tone often found in celebrity profiles. □

Josh Groban plans to 'let go' in upcoming show series

By MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Josh Groban has a date for Valentine's Day — with 6,000 or so of his fans.

The singer-songwriter said Tuesday he has booked New York's City's massive Radio City Music Hall for a Feb. 14 show that he promises will be a night of music with special guests and plenty of spontaneous, off-the-cuff segments.

"I am most fulfilled when I am most scared so I'm excited to have the opportunity to terrify myself," Groban told The Associated Press on the eve of the announcement. "As my tours have gone on, I have found that really where the good stuff lies is when you let go."

In addition to Valentine's Day, Groban has also booked Radio City for April 18 and hopes he will return

to the venue for a new show every few months. Tickets for the first two shows go on sale Friday.

"This is something that's so fun an idea for us that if this winds up just being two shows, it still would have been an incredible experience. I'm just excited to get in there and do this," he said. "If it's something people love to see, I'll keep coming back."

While details are still being worked out, the show will have an orchestra, band and choir — "all the bells and whistles that go into a regular 'me' show," Groban said — plus guests and impromptu interactions with fans. He promised that no two shows will be the same. "Everything that we have up our sleeve is still completely in development," he said. "We have a 100 ideas and we are going to, from now until Feb. 14, whittle



This June 9, 2019 file photo shows Josh Groban at the 73rd annual Tony Awards in New York.

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them down," he said. "The key was to make it loose, to make it impromptu. My fans have seen 18 years of touring where they've seen a very well-rehearsed show but then there have been these glimpses of really improvisational, fun moments that

can occur even in the arenas. And those are the moments where the room just lights up."

Groban has been nominated for a Grammy, Emmy and Tony. His latest album is 2018's "Bridges," his eighth studio album, and he was on Broadway in 2017 for

a run in "Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812." He compared Radio City to places like Yankee Stadium and Madison Square Garden. "There's something holy about those places. You walk into a space that has so much energy from past performances, the history that's in the walls."

There's also a more personal element to picking the venue. Groban early in his career played three nights at Radio City Music Hall. "The first time I felt the love and support of a New York audience was at that theater," he said.

He's returned for concerts and co-hosted the Tony Awards there with Sara Bareilles in 2018. "It's been a good-luck venue for me," he said, though he also called it the "most challenging venue" because he needs to find the intimacy in such a large space. □

In 'Women Make Film,' a 14-hr epic of an overlooked history

By **JAKE COYLE**
Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — The length of Mark Cousins' 14-hour documentary "Women Make Film" is itself a statement. The work of female filmmakers throughout cinema history is too rich and too vast for anything less. Cousins' epic film, which has been playing throughout the Toronto International Film Festival, is not a chronological history but a

personal, roving exploration of a cinema terrain often forgotten, overlooked or underappreciated. It digs deeply into the artistry of some 183 female directors from throughout film history and around the globe. Its abiding tenor is one of awe, reverence and celebration.

"This is a film school of sorts in which all the teachers are women: an academy of Venus," introduces Tilda



This Sept. 7, 2019 photo shows Mark Cousins, writer/director of the documentary film "Women Make Film," posing for a portrait during the Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto.

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Swinton, a narrator and producer.

Cousins, the Scotland-based documentarian and film critic, grants "Women Make Film" could have been a more standard 90-minute movie, but that would have done its subjects a disservice.

"If we say there's a forgotten history or a sequestered history, the physical size of the piece needs to speak for itself," Cousins, outfitted in a "Masculine Feminine" T-shirt, said in an interview "It's not like there have been little crumbs dropped back through film history. There are massive histories that have been forgotten."

Along with Swinton, "Women Make Film" is narrated by Jane Fonda, Adjoa Andoh, Thandie Newton, Kerry Fox, Sharmila Tagore and Debra Winger. Swinton opens the documentary with the matter-of-fact declaration: "Most films have been directed by men. Most of the recognized so-called movie classics were directed by men. But for 13 decades and on all six filmmaking continents, thousands of women have been directing films, too. Some of the best films."

"Women Make Film" charts, instead, "a new road movie through cinema" that aspires to upend much of the traditional, male-dominated understanding of film

history.

It passionately argues that "Lynchian" — the surreal characteristics of David Lynch's films — ought to, perhaps instead, be first associated with the Ukrainian filmmaker Kira Muratova, whose movies were censored in the Soviet Union. It exalts Mia Hansen-Love's floating camera in "Things to Come" (2016), the sense of home in Lynne Ramsay's "Ratcatcher" (1999) and the staging of Joanna Hogg in "Unrelated" (2007). The memorable tracking shot of Chantal Akerman's 1993 documentary "From the East" — a slow pass across the faces of people awaiting transportation in Eastern Europe — Cousins' film maintains, is on par with anything Orson Welles ever did.

"Forget gender for a moment. The playing field is not level. There's something wrong with our film culture if we don't talk about that shot," says Cousins.

Cousins' equally ambitious 900-minute "The Story of Film: An Odyssey" (2012) similarly assembled a loving and singular journey through film that bubbles with wonder. "Women Make Film," Cousins estimates, took four years to make, all the while without funding. But the more proper timeline, he says, spans a lifetime of movie watching.

In those four years, attention and frustration has only grown for the wide disparities between women and men in the film industry, particularly behind the camera. Research studies have found that last year, just 8% of the directors for the top 250 films at the U.S.-Canada box office were directed by women, a three percentage point decline from the year before.

What Cousins wants to contribute to the ongoing dialogue is a closer and more informed study — and sheer enjoyment — of the work.

"Yes, man — or woman — the barricades. Yes, get angry. But if you have no sense of where it's coming from, there's a danger of making arguments that aren't actually true," says Cousins. "I just worry that the debate is under-imagined. If we say the film industry hasn't let women make films — which is broadly true — there's a risk that we re-sequester these women. We write them out of history for a second time."

"Women Make Film" was quickly acquired in Toronto. Cohen Media will release it in theaters, with Criterion Collection set to stream it and television rights going to Turner Classic Movies. Kanopy took rights to show it in schools and public libraries. □

Timothée Chalamet grows up with 'The King'

By LINDSEY BAHR

VENICE, Italy (AP) — There aren't many directors who would be happy about a film taking nearly seven years to get off the ground, but that's precisely the case with David Michôd's "The King." The long development process, delays and studio changes for his and Joel Edgerton's vision for a Henry V film had a silver lining. By the time they were ready to go, an exciting new talent had emerged: Timothée Chalamet.

"It was a beautifully fortuitous thing that it took us that long to get made," Michôd said last month after its world premiere at the Venice Film Festival. He looked over at his young star and laughed. Had the film been made when he and Edgerton wrote it, not only would Chalamet not have been on their radar, he also would have been only 12 years old.

"The King" opens in select theaters Friday before landing on Netflix on Nov. 1.

Still, it wasn't even a given that Chalamet and Michôd would cross paths. But a friend suggested that he see "Call Me By Your Name," thinking maybe the "kid in it" would be good for the part of Hal, the reluctant heir to the throne who will become King Henry V. Michôd went in a little skeptical — people are always making suggestions



This Oct. 3, 2019 file photo shows Timothee Chalamet, left, and Joel Edgerton at the premiere of the "The King" during the London Film Festival, in central London.

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to him and most don't result in anything — but he had a bit of a revelation watching the tender, sun-soaked Italian romance.

"THAT's the version of 'The King' I want to make," he said. "I loved the idea of taking that kid from that movie and starting 'The King' with him and turning him into something else — hardening him and making him almost tyrannical ... (But) I never thought I'd be casting a 22-year-old New Yorker to play Henry V."

Chalamet had been doing mostly present day or recent past films and liked the notion of being in

something completely different. He also latched on to the "allegory" about Elio, his "Call Me By Your Name" character. So he said yes, days before he'd find out he'd gotten his first Oscar nomination for that film.

"There felt like a beautiful irony and challenge in that I was a young American playing a historical British figure, directed by and working with a bunch of Australians," Chalamet said.

Or, Michôd chimed in, a "recipe for disaster."

The film is an ambitious melding of historical fact and fiction, loosely inspired

by Shakespeare's "Henry V" and "Henry IV" parts one and two, following Hal from his drunken days in Eastcheap to his early days as King of England, a position he never wanted and takes reluctantly when his tyrannical father, Henry IV (Ben Mendelsohn), dies.

"I thought, 'Oh wow this could be really done in a way that's true to the plays and true to the history,'" Chalamet said. "People wielding these positions of power often were unusually young."

The "swords and horses" genre was a bit of a departure for Michôd too. He

made his name with the Australian crime drama "Animal Kingdom" and has never been drawn to fantasy endeavors like "Game of Thrones" or "Lord of the Rings."

"It's not because I hate it, it's just because I don't understand how I'm supposed to engage with it. This is not that, but it lends itself to tropes that are very similar," Michôd said. "We actually know so little about the Middle Ages. We have a lot of documentary fact, but I don't know what it would be like to be a person in the Middle Ages and that almost makes it a kind of fantasy. But that's what makes it exciting too: How do we go about turning this into something that feels real?"

He and his longtime friend and collaborator Edgerton, who also plays a humorous Falstaff in the film, set off to make something as grounded as they could. That meant sporting heavy armor and suffering through the Hungarian heat for the two and a half weeks it would take to shoot the Battle of Agincourt.

The intensity of the battle was a new experience for Chalamet.

"There's an amazing thing that happens," Chalamet said. "Sometimes with long takes in movies, when there's a lot of physicality required, any sense of acting goes out the window." □

Oprah to give \$13 million more for aid at black college

ATLANTA (AP) — Oprah Winfrey says she's giving \$13 million to increase a scholarship endowment at a historically black college. Winfrey announced her plan Monday at Morehouse College in Atlanta, adding to the \$12 million she gave to the all-male college in 1989. She was meeting with 47 students who benefit from the existing endowment.

"I was really surprised to learn that it's been 30 years since I made that \$12 million donation to Morehouse, so today, I'd like to add \$13 million to that," Winfrey said

as cheers erupted, in a video released by Morehouse. Morehouse President David Thomas said Winfrey's endowment has paid to educate nearly 600 students over the past three decades.

The college described the gift as a surprise. Last month, Winfrey also sprung a surprise college donation on an audience, saying she'd give more than \$1 million to the United Negro College Fund at a North Carolina fundraiser.

Winfrey's announcement came weeks after 2,200-student Morehouse

announced it would impose an unpaid monthly furlough day for 415 professional employees and stop retirement contributions of 3% of employee salaries. Some jobs will also be eliminated, with the overall cost-cutting effort meant to redirect \$3 million to student aid.

Billionaire Robert Smith won wide attention earlier this year when he promised to repay all student and family loans accumulated by Morehouse's class of 2019. That one-time gift will be worth \$34 million, the college said last month. □



This March 4, 2019 file photo shows Oprah Winfrey at the presentation of Stella McCartney's ready-to-wear Fall-Winter 2019-2020 fashion collection in Paris.

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Lions kill cattle, so people kill lions. Can the cycle end?

LOIBOR SIRET, Tanzania (AP)

— Saitoti Petro, a tall, slender 29-year-old, is marching with four other young men who belong to a pastoralist people called the Maasai. Beneath the folds of his thick cloak, he carries a sharpened machete.

Only a few years ago, men of Petro's age would most likely have been stalking lions to hunt them — often, to avenge cattle that the big cats had eaten.

But as Petro explains, the problem now is that there are too few lions, not too many. "It will be shameful if we kill them all," he says. "It will be a big loss if our future children never see lions."

And so he's joined an effort to protect lions, by safeguarding domestic animals on which they might prey.

Petro is one of more than 50 lion monitors from communities on the Maasai Steppe who walk daily patrol routes to help shepherds shield their cattle in pasture, with support and training from a small, Tanzanian nonprofit called African People and Wildlife. Over the past decade, this group has also helped more than a thousand extended households to build secure modern corrals made of living acacia trees and chain-link fence to protect their livestock at night.

This kind of intervention is, in a way, a grand experiment. The survival of lions — and many other threatened savannah species, from cheetahs to giraffes to elephants — likely depends on finding a way for people, livestock and wild



This Tuesday, July 2, 2019 photo, shows the village of Narakuwo, Tanzania.

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beasts to continue to use these lands together, on the plains where the earliest humans walked upright through tall grass.

Across Africa, the number of lions has dropped by more than 40 percent in two decades, according to data released in 2015 by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, putting lions on the list of species scientists consider "vulnerable" to extinction. They have disappeared from 94 percent of the lands they used to roam in Africa, what researchers call their "historic range."

The biggest reason for lion's retreat is that their former grasslands are being converted into cropland and cities. Losing habitat is the top risk to wildlife in Africa and globally. But on open

savannahs where lions still roam, poaching for body parts and revenge killings are the next most significant threats.

Lions are respected as worthy adversaries in Maasai culture. Anyone who harms more than nine is said to be cursed. But avenging the death of a prize cow wins respect, like dueling to avenge a lost family member.

But what if the triggering conflicts could be prevented? "Our elders killed and almost finished off the lions," Petro says. "Unless we have new education, they will be extinct."

In most corners of the planet, humans and big predators don't easily co-exist. But on the elevated plains of northern Tanzania, pastoralists have long lived alongside wildlife: grazing their cows, goats and sheep on the same broad savannahs where zebras, buffalo and giraffe munch grass and leaves — and where lions, leopards and hyenas stalk these wild beasts.

It's one of the few places left on Earth where coexistence may still be possible, but it's a precarious balance. And what happens here in Tanzania will help determine the fate of the species; the country is home to a more than a third of the roughly 22,500

tors helped to defuse 14 situations in 2017 that might have led to lion hunts, according to records collected by African People and Wildlife.

Within a study area monitored by the nonprofit Tarangire Lion Project, the monthly count of lions hit a low of around 120 lions in fall 2011 — down from about 220 lions in 2004. But the population started to recover in 2012, reaching more than 160 lions by 2015.

Wildlife refuges are sometimes not a sufficient answer — at least for species that require large ranges.

Within the boundaries of Tanzania's Tarangire National Park, lions sleep on open river banks and dangle from tree branches — they are, after all, cats — often ignoring the squadrons of open-top safari tour vehicles passing by. Here, they are mostly safe. But the protected area of the park is only a portion of the land that these lions and their prey depend upon. Large migratory animals range widely, and on the parched savannahs of eastern Africa, they mostly follow the rains.

Some people in nearby villages say they aren't happy about Petro's efforts. But attitudes are evolving. Petro Lengima Lorkuta, Saitoti Petro's 69-year-old father, killed his first lion when he was 25, hurling a spear after the cat attacked his largest bull. In those days, he says, "If you killed a lion it showed that you were a strong warrior." □



In this Friday July 5, 2019 photo, shepherds return their livestock to their village near Loibor Siret, Tanzania.

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In this Sunday July 7, 2019 photo, lions rest under a tree in Tanzania's Tarangire National Park.

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